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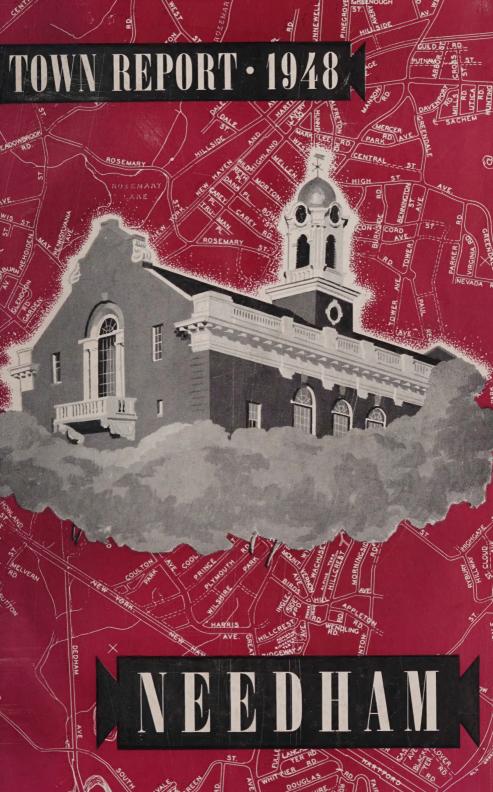
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# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

# TOWN OF NEEDHAM

MASSACHUSETTS

for the year ending December 31, 1948



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# LITTLE KNOWN FACTS —AROUT NEEDHAM—

### Did You Know That . . .

Since 1824, a period of 125 years, the Town of Needham has only had eight town clerks.

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In 1901 Needham had four electric car lines, one to Watertown, another to West Roxbury, the third to Wellesley and the final line to South Natick via Chestnut Street and Charles River Village. The West Roxbury line operated the entire length of Harris Avenue.

\* \* \*

The Railroad between West Roxbury and Needham Junction was not opened until November 4, 1906. Trains did not stop at Birds Hill until after the first World War. Train service to Needham was via Newton Highlands until the West Roxbury branch was built.

\* \* \*

From 1870 to 1890 Needham Heights, then Highlandville, was known as "The Cricket Capitol of Massachusetts" as the Town boasted several Cricket Teams.

\* \* \*

The First Post Office in Needham was opened in 1826 in a house on Central Avenue, near the corner of Great Plain Avenue and the mail was brought by stage-coach from Boston and on horse-back.

\* \* \*

Highland Avenue was formerly East Street.

\* \*

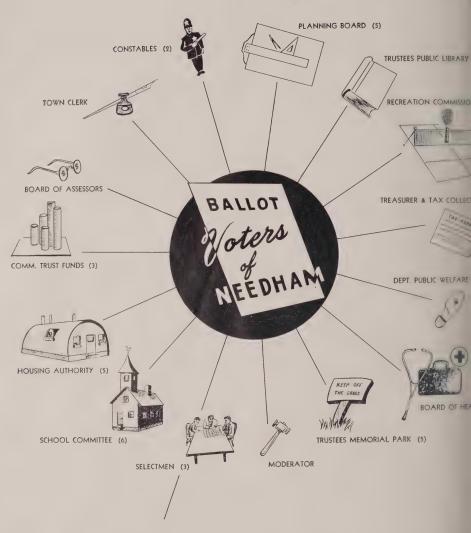
The City of Newton and Town of Wellesley has a water supply that is within the town limits of Needham.

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Band Concerts used to be held weekly on Needham Common during the summer months with The Needham Military Band playing for the concerts.

\* \* \*

The Children of Needham in 1824 contributed over \$50.00 towards the construction of Bunker Hill Monument.



#### APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

Town Counsel
Accountant
Trustees of Hospital
Registration of Voters
Sealer of Weights & Measures
Contr. Retail Board
Zoning Board of Appeals
Building Board of Appeals
Keeper of Lockup
Truant Officer
Meas, Wood & Bark
Public Weighers
Dog Officer
Supt. Fire Alarm
Police Chief
Supt. Public Works
Fire Chief

Petroleum Inspector Forest Warden Game Warden Burial Agent Probation Officer Agent for Veteran Aid Supt. Water Supt. Sewer Engineer Deputy Forest Warden Custodian Public Buildings Building Inspector Asst. Building Inspector Wiring Inspector Plumbing Inspector Plumbing Inspector Inspector Sand & Gravel

#### APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Finance Commission

Various comm. by vote of town meeting

#### APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Inspector Cesspools Health Officer Public Health Nurse Sanitary Inspector Inspector Animals & Slaughter

## TOWN OFFICERS-

## 1948 - 1949

## ELECTED

MODERATOR	Samuel H. Wragg
SELECTMEN	Ralph H. Gray, Chairman
George M. Pond, Vice-Chairman	William H. Cotter, Jr., Secretary
TOWN CLERK	•
	Arthur H. Godfrey, 1949, Chairman
Earl W. Richwagen, 1951, Secreta	ry A. Sterling Holt, 1950, Secretary
TOWN TREASURER and TAX COL	LECTOR Arnold Mackintosh, 1950
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFAR	RE William A. Mann, 1949, Chairman
Meyer J. Gordon, 1949	Earl Alban, 1951
Livingston H. Lomas, 1950	Catherine L. Larson, 1951
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	. W. Bigelow Hall, 1949, Chairman
Jerry Bond, Jr., 1949	Ruth E. Steere, 1951
Mabel P. Friswell, 1950, Vice-Cha	irman Barbara M. Page, 1951
	Edwin Wainwright, 1950
TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK	Thomas J. Crossman, 1951, Chairman
Amos H. Shepherdson, 1949	Samuel D. Low, 1950
James H. Whetton, 1949	Paul B. Richwagen, 1950
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY	Harry W. Kimball, 1949, Chairman
Marion L. Johnson, 1949	Helen B. Eastman, 1951
Arthur L. King, 1950	Fred G. Atchinson, 1951
	Laura G. Willgoose, 1950
BOARD OF HEALTH	. David E. Mann, 1950, Chairman
Leslie B. Cutler, 1949	Kenneth Christophe, 1951, Secretary
TOWN PLANNING BOARD	Clayton L. Holden, 1952, Chairman
Frank L. Cheney, 1949†	Paul U. Nickerson, 1951
H. Kent Crabtree, 1949	Lawrence D. Walker, 1949
James E. Cruickshank, 1950 COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUN	Eva H. Churchill, 1953
Roger W. Nutt, 1950	IDS . Amos H. Shepherdson, 1949 Vernal E. Kezer, 1951
RECREATION COMMISSION	Helen B. Richwagen, 1949
Alan H. McIntosh, 1950	Beatrice A. Wood, 1951
CONSTABLES	William W. Hewett
CONSTABLES	Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.
TOWN AGENTS	Ralph H. Gray
George M. Pond	William H. Cotter, Jr.
MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BAR	,
	Frederick A. Whetton
PUBLIC WEIGHERS	
James Gilleran	Betty Rosenkrans
Albert McNamara	Lawrence Shields
Richard L. Nims	Joseph P. Simmons
Nicholas A. O'Brien	John J. Whetton
James H. Whetton	Frederick A. Whetton
Ralph T. Woodcock	Richard W. White

## APPOINTED

FINANCE COMMITTEE	Horace P. Moulton, 1949, Chairman
George W. Russell, Jr., 1949	Robert M. Kimball, 1949†
Elmer H. Everett, 1949	Stanley F. Teele, 1950, Vice-Chairman
C .1 T 1050	John P. Dolon 1050
Bobert J. Latham, 1951	Blake H. Field, 1951
itoboli or internating 2502	Evan C. Thorpe, 1951
	Melville W. Grant
TRUSTEES OF GLOVER MEMOR	
	Cyril N. Angell, 1951, Chairman
Marjorie F. Williams, 1949	George A. Potter, 1949
Allan M. Cate, 1949	John MacGregor, 1950
David H. Finnigan, 1950	Eunice H. Milliken, 1950, Secretary
David O'Leary, Jr., 1951	Edward J. Stewart, 1951
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS	. Armstrong Beattie, 1950, Chairman
Mary E. Fitzgerald, 1949	Francis J. Donahue, 1951
	Marian S. Peterson, Ex-Officio
TOWN COUNSEL	Henry W. Hardy
	Lester C. Hollis, Superintendent
DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS	Frank L. Cheney, Engineering
Roger G. Oakman, Water	Norman M. Winch, Sewer
	S Derwood A. Newman
	PUBLIC WELFARE Zella M. Johnston
HEALTH OFFICER	Robert N. McClellan
SANITARY INSPECTOR	Earl C. Richwagen
AGENT FOR VETERANS' AID	AND PENSIONS AND CARE OF
SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRA	VES Francis J. Stanwood John F. McDermott*
BURIAL AGENT	John F. McDermott*
TRUANT OFFICER	Edward L. Wainwright
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS .	William S. Cassidy**
ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECT	Edwin D. Keyes
ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPEC.	FOR Emery S. Doane
INSPECTOR OF WIRING	Clyde E. Cookson Frederick E. Cookson**
INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING .	TOP
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND	TOR Michael Picariello
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE AL	Dr. Richard C. Schofield ARM Richard M. Salamone
	Richard M. Salamone
FOREST WARDEN	
DEPUTY FOREST WARDENS .	Richard M. Salamone Charles J. Nute, Jr.
Carl W. Heller	Raymond D. Fales
Leo E. Buckley	Gordon F. Healey
Leo E. Duckiey	David E. Mann
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND ME	ASURES Earl W. Richwagen
	NT John P. Allen
DOG OFFICER	Lester K. Ramey
KEEPER OF LOCKUP	Thomas H. Welch
INSPECTOR OF SAND AND GR	AVEL Frank L. Cheney

<sup>\*</sup>Deceased \*\*Retired

DEPUTY CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC	
	${\bf BUILDINGS}$ . George A. Wye
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	
	. Charlotte E. Gidley, Librarian
GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	
	John E. Klish, Administrator
	F. Barnicle, Acting Director of Nurses
CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BO	OARD
Under Vote of Town, November 3	3, 1936
Harold A. Smith, 1949	Frank L. Cheney, 1950
	Melville W. Grant, Accountant
BUILDING BOARD OF APPEAL .	John V. Phelan, 1949, Chairman†
John B. Moseley, 1949	Francis L. Guertin, 1949, Chairman
	Henry V. Perry, 1949
ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL	. John V. Phelan, 1949, Chairman
Enos G. Nickerson, 1950	Roger W. Nutt, 1951
Herb	ert L. Moore, 1949 (Special Member)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DIRE	
SERVICES	Harold A. Smith, Director
Stewart B. Johnston	William F. Pollard
Chester R. Mills	Francis J. Stanwood
Thomas J. Murphy	Frederick A. Whetton
	John F. McDermott*
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	A. Wilson Corbett, Chairman
Elton W. Willis†	Herbert F. Stevenson
William Seaver	Fred N. Depuy
	Leonard G. Puffer, Secretary
RECREATION COMMITTEE	
Under Art. 15, March 19, 1945	— To Consist of Three Members
	nd One Member of Trustees of
Memorial Park and One Memb	
Alan H. McIntosh, Chairman	Beatrice A. Wood, Vice-Chairman
Helen B. Richwagen, Secretary	Paul B. Richwagen
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NEEDHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY	Edwin Wainwright
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<sup>†</sup>Resigned \*Deceased ‡Leave of Absence

Guy S, Langstroth Harold B. Putnam Under Art. 2, Special Town Meeting, March 26, 1947 — To Study Hospital Facilities for Residents of the Town

also

Under Art. 5, Special Town Meeting, June 10, 1947 — Hospital Building Committee.

Russell J. Rice, Chairman, by Selectmen

Edwin W. L. Page, by Finance Committee

Samuel S. Hall, Jr., by Taxpayers' Association

Robert N. McClellan, by Hospital Trustees

Dr. Kenneth Christophe, by Needham Medical Club

Carleton D. Morse, Secretary, by Planning Board

Edward J. Stewart, by the six members of the Committee

Under Art. 4, Special Town Meeting, January 29, 1948 — Locations for Elementary School in Harris School District

W. Bigelow Hall, Chairman

James E. Cruickshank Stanley F. Teele

Stanley F. Teele

Under Art. 16, March 15, 1948 — Salary and Wage Committee James K. Sanborn, Chairman Robert G. Bleekney

Melville W. Grant, Secretary

Leslie J. Wertheim
Philip F. Foss

Henry D. Hersey Lewis R. Doeringt

Derwood A. Newman Frank L. Cheney

Under Art. 48, March 15, 1948 — Town Forest Committee

Ronald D. Lowden, Chairman

Lester C. Hollis Dr. J. Walter Schirmer

Under Art. 78, March 15, 1948 — To study Building and Zoning By Laws

Henry W. Hardy, by Selectmen

William P. Bailey, by Selectmen

Lawrence D. Walker, by Planning Board

John V. Phelan, by Zoning Board of Appeal

John B. Moseley, by Building Board of Appeal

Under Art. 8, 9, and 10 of the Special Town Meeting of November 22, 1948 — To study, etc., school needs, Harris School District and District 3.

Julius F. Haller, by the Moderator

Petra M. Morrow, by the Moderator

Emery S. Doane, by the Moderator

Frank Flood, by Finance Committee

Derwood A. Newman, by School Committee

Lawrence D. Walker, by Planning Board

Henry D. Hersey, by Public School Association

William P. Bailey, by Selectmen

Pierce B. Bennett, by Taxpayers' Association

#### ANNUAL REPORT COMMITTEE

Charles D. Bell, Chairman Charles H. Davis Herbert M. Johnson

Richard B. Sanders

George A. Potter William H. Cotter, Jr. William M. Fallon Donald L. Fessenden Chandler W. Jones

## TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

#### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Cotter, William H., Jr
Cutler, Leslie B Representative
Godfrey, Arthur H Assessor
Moulton, Horace P Finance
Gray, Ralph H
Hall, W. BigelowSchool Committee
Hardy, Henry W Town Counsel
Holden, Clayton L
Mackintosh, Arnold Treasurer
Mann, David E Board of Health
Peterson, Marian S
Pond, George M
Wragg, Samuel H

#### District One

#### **EXPIRATION 1949**

Beers, David L.
Bell, Frank A.
Bennett, Pierce B.
Bond, Raymond L.
Condit, Edward M.
Courtenay, Helen S.
Dunn, Alice B.
Eaton, Chester W.
Everett, Elmer H.
Holt, George W.
Murdoch, David
Packard, Leonard O.
Stanwood, Francis J.
Stevens, Ritchie L.
Thorpe, Winnifred R.
Welch, Thomas H.
Wye, Percy E.

#### **EXPIRATION 1950**

Allen, Richard M.
Bond, Jerry, Jr.
Brion, John N.
Claxton, Philip H.
Franz, Paul
Horr, George D.
Johnson, Arthur G.
Linscott, Paul H.
Proctor, Letty S.
Reeves, Ralph F.
Sayce, Edward G.
Smith, Harold A.
Southworth, Winthrop M.
Talmadge, Nelson A.
Twigg, Julia B.

#### EXPIRATION 1951

Blaisdell, Herbert E.
Brearley, Sidney P.
Brown, Harry A.
Burnham, Richard D.
Cowdrey, Irving H.
Hollis, Stanley M.
Holt, R. Ashley
Hopkins, George H.
Humphrey, Gorham W.
Moore, Herbert L.
Nickerson, Enos G.
Reeves, Alice W.
Richwagen, Victor L.
Salamone, Richard M.
Steere, Ruth E.
Thorpe, Evan C.

## District Two

#### **EXPIRATION 1949**

Ackroyd, James A.
Angell, Cyril N.
Childs, Kenneth M.
Christophe, Kenneth
Curren, Arthur G.
Fox, M. Helen
Lomas, Livingston H.
Loomis, Harold G.
Loomis, Samuel
Nickerson, Paul U.
Nutt, Roger W.
Paige, Percy H.
Smith, Roger W.
Stephens, Brad

#### EXPIRATION 1950

Ackroyd, Roland J.
Bliss, Lucy E.
Chambers, Ralph E.
Cruickshank, James E.
Denner, Herbert J.
Eastman, Harold F.
Haller, Julius F.
King, Arthur L.
Moulton, Gretta S.
McIntosh, Alan H.
Page, Edwin W. L.
Potter, George A.
Rice, Russell J.
Wilkinson, Holly A.
Wood, Beatrice A.
Wyeth, Stimson

#### EXPIRATION 1951

Binney, Ralph M.
Cassidy, William S.
Clarenbach, Walter R.
Fay, Earl C.
Flood, Frank L.
Hersey, Henry D.
Holt, A. Sterling
Hunter, Albert E.
Johnston, Stewart B.
Kezer, Vernal E.
Larson, N. Henry
Lawson, Harold M.
Sanborn, James K.
Sturtevant, Justus H.
Winslow, Gordon B.
Worth, Blanche S.

### District Three

#### **EXPIRATION 1949**

Bezanson, Stanley O.
Brown, Maurice V.
Burr, I. Tucker, Jr.
Campbell, Donald R.
Daniels, A. Richards
Fuller, Adah G.
Guild, Henry R.
Johnson, Lloyd T.
MacGregor, Forbes
Moulton, Eldon L.
McIntosh, Charles B.
Notman, Frederick W.
Rawstron, Stanley
Robinston, Harry J.
Taylor, Frank E.
Teele, Stanley F.

#### **EXPIRATION 1950**

Blake, Stuart L.
Burr, Francis H.
Burton, Clarence S.
Churchill, Eva H.
Elliott, Byron K.
Fanning, Fred L.
Hall, Ray C.
Hamlin, Willard B.
Johnson, Marcel E.
McCulloch, Kenneth J.
Nichols, Hollis P.
Preble, Julia M.
Richardson, Joseph P.
Thomas, Roby S.
Sargent, Sullivan A., Jr.
Wells, Curtis R.

#### **EXPIRATION 1951**

Bailey, William P.
Bartlett, F. Parker, Jr.
Birkett, Arthur H.
Farley, John W.
Gay, William H.
Howe, Parkman D.
Litchfield, Lemont D.
Mann, William A.
March, Roland C., Jr.
Page, Robert W.
Perry, Rebecca H.
Rooney, Thomas J.
Stanley, Arthur R.
Stevenson, Herbert F.
Swigart, Donald W.
Ulbrich, M. Alfred

## District Four

#### EXPIRATION 1949

Bailey, John M.
Carpenger, Charles A.
Donahue, L. Charles
Eaton, Laurence E.
Fletcher, Louis E.
Hall, W. Bigelow
Hodgdon, Clyde V.
Jost, Nelson M.
Kimball, Harry W.
Martin, Howard A.
Stewart, Sidney
Wainwright, Edwin M.
Walker, Lawrence D.
Weld, K. Linzee
Whitney, Carleton F.
Willgoose, Laura G.

#### EXPIRATION 1950

Bell, Theodore P.
Bragg, Frances K.
Cookson, Clyde E.
Crabtree, H. Kent
Crossman, Thomas J.
Day, Robert F.
Dodge, Herbert L.
King, Robert N.
MacGregor, John
Mills, Chester R.
Morse, Carleton D.
Newman, Derwood A.
Phelan, John V.
Putnam, Harold
Shaw, Francis W.
Whitney, Susie G.

## EXPIRATION 1951

Dubois, Theresa H.
Eaton, Donald A.
Field, Blake H.
Glover, Frederic L.
Hall, Katherine L.
Harkins, John F.
Lowden, Ronald D.
McIntosh, Theodore
Richards, Karl W.
Richwagen, Earl W.
Richwagen, Paul B.
Rising, Philip D.
Sanders, Richard B,
Willgoose, Dorathea M,
Wragg, George M.

## District Five

#### **EXPIRATION 1949**

Bloh, Adolph A.
Bloh, Paul T.
Blum, Robert
Brady, Gertrude A.
Cassidy, W. Ansel
Farrell, John F.
Grasso, Lincoln E.
Hanson, William
Hartshorn, Alfred P.
Henderson, Daniel C.
Mitchell, William
McKinlay, J. Allan
Noyes, George H.
Stanley, Edgar S.
Tocci, Matthew
Vincent, Harold T.

## EXPIRATION 1950

Atchinson, Fred G.
Caulton, Lawrence G.
Coburn, Almon G.
Cutler, Horace W., Jr.
Daley, John J.
Flint, Chester R.
Hauptman, Joseph W.
Heald, Everett H.
Latham, Robert J.
Martin, Harry
Small, Asa M.
Spicer, Charles E.
Taylor, John F., Jr.
Warren, George E.
Whetton, John T.

#### **EXPIRATION 1951**

Anderson, Elizabeth E. Brooks, Walter A. Crowley, Florance M. Frost, Fred L. Gaudet, Ralph L. Hammersley, Samson Hoitt, H. Milton March, Roland C. Morse, Prescott B. Nickerson, Ellis M. Pinkham, Everett C. Simon, Philip Smith, Myron Tocci, Albert W. Walton, Harold R. Webk, Owen

## INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

Needham was incorporated as a Town on November 5, 1711.

Situation: About 10 miles southwest of Boston. Geodetic position of Town Hall: Latitude 42°-16′-51.568″ Longitude 71°-14′-13.048″

Population: 14,507 (1945 State Census)

Area: Approximately 12.75 square miles

**Elevation:** 85 feet above sea level at Rosemary Meadows, 180 feet at Needham Square and 300 feet in the Birds Hill section.

**Assessed Valuation** \$32,938,445.00

Tax Rate \$35.00

Town Hall: Built in 1902. Seating capacity of auditorium 780. George Wye, custodian and rental agent. Phone NEedham 3-1518

Offices open Tuesday Evening: Offices of Selectmen, Assessors, Town Clerk and Planning Board.

Probate Court: Dedham, First and Third Wednesday of every month, except August. Quincy, Second Wednesday and fourth Monday of every month, except August. Brookline, Fourth Wednesday of every month, except August.

Senators in Congress: Henry Cabot Lodge and Leverett Saltonstall.

State Senator: Leslie B. Cutler of Needham (Second Norfolk District)

Representative in Congress: Richard B. Wigglesworth of Milton (Thirteenth Congressional District)

Representatives in General Court: Harold Putnam of Needham, Francis A. Harding of Dedham (Sixth Norfolk District)

Member of Governor's Council: Clayton L. Havey (Second Councillor District)

Qualifications for Registration as Voters: Must be 21 years of age, American born or fully naturalized, and have resided in Massachusetts one year and Needham six months. Registration Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday evenings, at the office of the Town Clerk. Special evening Sessions of Registrars held preceding elections.

Absentee Voting. State, National and Town Elections.

Dog Licenses: All dog licenses expire March 31st. A dog should be licensed when three months old. Fees: Male \$2 — Female \$5 — Spayed \$2.

Tax Bills: Due and payable July 1st. Interest will be added according to law from October 1st on bills unpaid after November 1st. Poll, motor excise and water bills are due thirty days from date of issuance.

**Board of Health:** Householders shall report to the Board of Health all cases of communicable diseases, unless a physician is in attendance.

## ROARD OF SELECTMEN

RALPH H. GRAY, Chairman GEORGE M. POND, Vice-Chairman WILLIAM H. COTTER, JR., Secretary

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1944	1	\$5,697.00	\$4,761.79
1945	1	4,386.80	3,631.50
1946	1	2,718.90	2,598.90
1947	1	3,933.55	3,927.32
1948	1	3,274.16	3,259.89

This, the 237th Annual Report of the Town of Needham has been prepared in accordance with modern concepts first adopted by the Board in 1946 and which, in 1947, brought to Needham the award of first prize from the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association for excellence in town reporting.

From January 1, to December 31, 1948, the Board held 50 regular meetings, 7 special meetings, 233 formal appointments with individuals or groups and 51 public hearings. Warrants were issued for 4 Special Town Meetings in addition to the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Under the Laws of the Commonwealth, selectmen are charged with the duty of managing the prudential affairs of towns. In keeping with that responsibility, the Board is compelled to call attention to present day inflated costs and the accelerated growth of the town, both of which contribute to an inevitable increase in the tax burden for 1949. Therefore, all requests for capital expenditures to be financed from the 1949 levy or by means of long term borrowing must be scrutinized carefully and deferred, except where emergencies exist.

The substance of the Board's report which follows, deals with the major departmental activities under its jurisdiction.

## **Public Works Department**

The past year has been marked by an unprecedented volume of Sewer, Water and Drainage construction as a result of the backlog accumulated during the war years. Specific details regarding this work will be found in the departmental report submitted by the Superintendent of Public Works.

In the report for last year the Board recommended the acquisition of another Walter Snow Fighter and an additional snow loader for 1949. Further study develops that the purchase of a rotary plow, truck mounted, would assist in plowing difficult

outlying districts and could also be used efficiently for snow loading. The purchase of this equipment is recommended for 1950, instead of the Snow Fighter and the snow loader.

The Board recommends the replacement this year of the present Front End Loader on caterpillar tracks, which is in very poor repair, with a Front End Loader, mounted on rubber tires. This will provide greater flexibility in materials handling at the Norris Farm screening plant, in snow removal operations and in backfilling sewer house connections or other excavations where the use of a bulldozer is impracticable.

## Fire Department

The Board's recommendation last year for replacement of the antiquated Brush Truck was accomplished by the purchase of a Jeep fitted out with a 110-gallon tank and other fire fighting equipment. Under severe winter storm conditions the Jeep with tank removed can be used as an auxiliary to large apparatus in certain sections of the Town where roads frequently become impassable.

The Town Meeting approved the other recommendations in last year's report whereby the weekly hour schedule was revised to a 70-hour unrestricted basis and an electrical technician for the Fire Alarm System was acquired.

In connection with the new Fire Station at Needham Heights which will be placed in operation in 1949, the Board approves the Fire Chief's recommendation for four additional men and a new engine pump of 750 gallons capacity. The acquisition of a new ladder truck is recommended for consideration in 1950.

## Police Department

The Federal Communications Commission has ordered the relinquishment by 1950 of the present wave length now used by the Needham Police for radio reception. In the interim the Commission has authorized a public utility company to use the same wave length which has caused jamming of the band and serious restrictions upon its use. The Board recommends the purchase of the necessary equipment (including replacement of the present 12-year-old transmitter) to correct this situation by transfer to a new wave length during 1949.

To avoid additional costly repairs, it is recommended that two cruising cars be replaced.

## Glover Memorial Hospital

In accordance with the vote of the 1947 Town Meeting, Article 49, the Board appointed the following trustees to serve for the term of three years: — Cyril N. Angell, David O'Leary, Jr., and Edward J. Stewart.

On July 1, 1948, the cornerstone of the New Glover Memorial Hospital was laid with a notable and appropriate ceremony of historical importance.

## **Inspection Department**

In the fall of this year two members of this department with records of many years of loyal service reached the legal age for retirement, namely, William S. Cassidy, Building Inspector, and Frederick E. Cookson, Plumbing Inspector.

The Board appointed Edwin D. Keyes as Building Inspector to succeed Mr. Cassidy. Mr. Cookson is continuing as a temporary Plumbing Inspector until a successor can be qualified under Civil Service regulations.

Last year, the Board recommended a new clerical position for this department. This recommendation was not accepted by the Town. The Board believes this position to be an imperative need and urges acceptance of the recommendation for 1949.

## **Needham Housing Authority**

Under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting of May 7, 1948, it was voted that a housing authority be organized in Needham, under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 121, as amended by Chapter 574 of the Acts of 1946 and by Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948. The primary purpose of this vote was to take advantage of the opportunity to construct adequate housing for Veterans on a rental basis, as provided by Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948 (The Sears Bill).

In accordance with that vote, the Board appointed the following Authority members to serve until the Annual Town Election in March 1949: — John B. Moseley, Guy S. Langstroth, Wilbar Whittemore and James H. Noonan. The fifth member, Harold B. Putnam, was appointed by the State Housing Director as provided by the General Laws.

## Law Department

During the year it was necessary to take legal action in several instances to enforce the Zoning By-Laws. In these situations the Town Counsel and the Building Inspector collaborated.

The Board deemed it necessary to the Town's interest to contest in a legal manner the land taking by the Norfolk County Commissioners in connection with the proposed widening of Highland Avenue.

#### Other Activities

The Transportation Committee appointed by the Board has had a relatively quiet year inasmuch as no serious problems concerning public transportation have arisen.

The Selectmen and the Planning Board have considered the problems of traffic congestion in the business district, off-street parking and improvement of traffic control devices and signs. As a result, certain Articles will be included in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to deal with these situations.

The Selectmen and the Registrars of Voters have studied problems arising from the great increase in registered voters and the existence under present laws of but one polling place in the Town. It is anticipated that Precinct Voting must be established in time for the next state-wide election in 1950. This may require a revision in present district boundaries and possibly, the creation of new districts. The Registrars, to facilitate the solution of these problems, will, during 1949, undertake to rearrange the present district voting lists so that voters will be listed by streets instead of alphabetically.

The Board will sponsor an Article in the Annual Town Meeting requesting a modest appropriation for the purpose of studying the potential installation of a public incinerator so that the present Town Dump may be abandoned.

In the report for last year the Board recommended that the Town Meeting appoint a Salary and Wage Committee. This recommendation was approved. The Committee will report its recommendations to the 1949 Annual Town Meeting so that inequities may be adjusted and corrected.

## PLANNING BOARD

#### CLAYTON L. HOLDEN, Chairman

JAMES E. CRUICKSHANK, Secretary EVA H. CHURCHILL

H. KENT CRABTREE LAWRENCE D. WALKER

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1944	0	\$350.00	<b>\$253.00</b>
1945	0	350.00	334.96
1946	0	562.00	417.17
1947	0	410.00	408.92
1948	0	666.00	650.58

The original Planning Enabling Act in our Commonwealth was adopted by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1913. The intent of the Act was to make plans for the development of municipalities with special reference to proper housing of inhabitants and to study the resources, possibilities and needs of the town or city.

Ten years later, after due study and reports of basic planning principles, on March 5, 1923, the first Planning Board of Needham was elected. The Board constituted five members, Arthur W. Rohn, F. S. Kingsbury, F. A. Norcross, E. B. Allen and G. D. Herdman.

In 1924, the new Planning Board was instructed to prepare a zoning ordinance and a Town map. Work began on the study of plans for locations of new streets and development of properties to be submitted to the Board of Survey. In 1925, the first Zoning By-Law was passed and the size of building lots in real estate developments to a minimum area of 7,000 square feet was established.

During the next decade, the work of the Planning Board comprised intermittent revision of the Town Map; recommendations for widening, straightening and connecting streets to meet the demands of the new era in motor transportation; the study of park, playground and school needs; recommendations for better regulation of sand and gravel pits; study to establish the future location for streets and having them tie properly with the existing street plan; and, as outside interests acquired real estate holdings for the purpose of development, zoning changes were recommended which extended to land control to protect value of properties already developed.

By 1934 the Planning Board had pioneered the idea that planning must bear relationship to adjoining towns. The new

Circumferential Highway opened up problems of possible business encroachment. Conferences began then and have continued with our neighboring town officials as inter-related problems have arisen.

## **Board Reorganized**

In March, 1939, the Planning Board was authorized to reorganize and to operate under Chapter 211, Acts of 1936. This progressive legislation called for certain mandatory duties: to submit studies, to make a master plan and to pass on subdivision plats submitted to it for approval. This Act provided for the Planning Board to take over the work of the Board of Survey and required that a Board of Building Appeals be established in every city and town having subdivision control.

The accelerated growth of the Town brought the need for a comprehensive lot plan to be developed. Zoning changes had been adopted, — residence to manufacturing, institutional to single residence; and in July, 1941, two residential zoning districts were created, one district requiring 10,000 square feet minimum area for house lots, and the other, a minimum lot size of one acre.

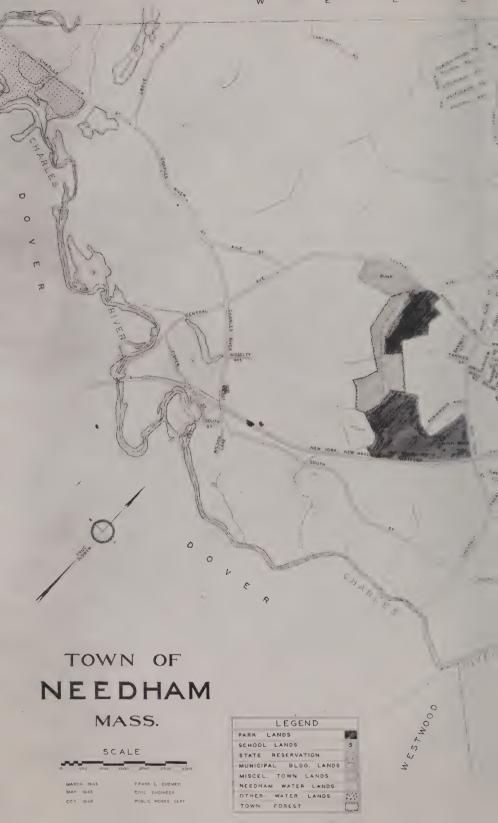
"Long Range Planning" was initiated in 1941 when the Planning Board was instructed by vote of the Town Meeting to make an annual survey of the needed expenditures of the various Town departments for the succeeding five years. In 1946 came post-war economic re-adjustment, a building boom and temporary impossibility to forecast accurately.

On August 3, 1947, revised planning legislation became effective. Chapter 340, Acts of 1947, was designed by the Massachusetts Legislature to clarify and to strengthen the well-known "Chapter 211"; and it is under this new statute that the Town Planning Board now operates.

## Present Activity

The Town Planning Board was re-organized in June, 1948, because of vacancies and the present members, therefore, have only been acting as a unit since that time. Its membership constitutes a group of individuals deeply interested in Needham and its future. The members live in, and so represent directly, four of the five voting districts of the Town.

Presently each member of the Board is at work on some specific problem or phase of Town government. After thorough study and investigation, a report is submitted to the full Board. In



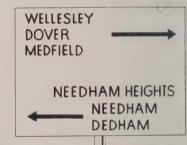


this manner, particular Town problems are given a more careful and complete analysis than otherwise might be possible.

It is obvious to the present Board that some confusion exists in the Town as to the purposes, duties and authority of a Planning Board. Some of this uncertainty has been due perhaps to the rather vague and incomplete interpretation of the existing laws governing Planning Boards throughout the Commonwealth. Also, Boards organized in the various towns and cities have not been uniform in their development nor in their powers.

As referred to previously, Chapter 340, Acts of 1947, as passed by the General Court, has properly clarified the legal status of the Boards and made more important and forceful the powers of most Boards. Under this law and the Town By-Laws, the Board has, as its primary interest, subdivision control, street development and zoning. In addition to these major responsibilities, the Board is required to consider in a general way all matters relating to community development and improvement and make recommendations from time to time. A master study

Type of Sign to be Installed at Intersection of Webster Street and Central Avenue.





is a continuing project which must be carried on by all Boards.

In the few months that the present Board has been serving the Town, numerous projects have been started and the master study of the Town has been advanced and enlarged. The Zoning Map has been corrected to September, 1948, and the Land Use Map has been corrected to the same date, showing parks and park land, school lands, municipal and Town-owned land. With the increased park land which has been given to the Town in the past year and to show the many parcels of Town property, the Board is including a reproduction of this map in its annual report to the Town.

A major survey and report on traffic and parking, completed at the end of September, was presented to the Board of Selectmen and released to the press in November. This required much time and effort and is substantially the result of the excellent work and thorough analysis of the problem by a sub-committee composed of Mr. Crabtree and Mr. Walker. It is felt that much good can be derived from the recommendations and the Board anticipates a helpful co-operation from the people of Needham in the execution of any final plans when and as put The directional signs scattered throughout the into effect. Town are at present inadequate both as to size and lettering. The Board suggested program of new and additional signs is much needed and will aid the outside motorist in locating his or her destination and will direct others to distant points by direct and proper routes. The Board has included, on the previous page, a cut of the type of new sign to be erected. The use of such signs should bring improved traffic conditions to the citizens of Needham as proper directions and routing of traffic will relieve the congestion in the business section and prevent the accumulation of misdirected motorists in the heart of Town. Off-street parking areas have been investigated and after further study and consultation with the Board of Selectmen, recommendations will be presented for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1949.

The Board has in one instance disapproved a large real estate development because of the potential health hazard that would have been created through lack of adequate sewer facilities. This unfortunate lack of sewer facilities in several areas of the Town presents a serious problem both in terms of health and of finances. It is interesting to note that twenty-five years ago it was estimated that the entire cost of Needham's sewer system

would never exceed \$630,000 but that figure has now been reached and there is much territory to cover.

The Board has been represented at the many hearings held before the Zoning Board of Appeal and the Building Board of Appeal during the past year. In all cases a study is made of the variance requested and the Board chairman or a member of the Board attends the public hearing to review the entire situation and to state its position for the consideration of the Appeal Board and all interested parties.

## **Future Activity**

In writing or discussing plans of the future for Needham, there is much that can and must be considered but in all, and above all, the matter of money stands forth as a seriously important consideration. The Town's financial position will not allow the Board to dream wildly nor to plan recklessly. Thus in this report the Board writes moderately and urges all Town Meeting Members to spend wisely the money taken from the taxpayers in 1949 and every year.

## **Capital Expenditures**

The Planning Board started in July, 1948, to prepare an analysis of income and expense for 1940–1941 and 1945–46–47. It became necessary, however, to abandon this part of the report because of the heavy volume of business constantly carried on by the Board and the earlier date limit set for the composing of this 1948 Annual Town Report. The Board does feel, however, that such an analysis of income and expense together with a Schedule of Capital Expenditures should be provided in the 1949 Town Report with estimated figures for at least two years ahead.

#### Schools

The Planning Board recognizes the need for additional school facilities but, as publicly stated some time ago, the site, location and building construction are the points which concern the Board officially. With the development of the High Rock Area now assured by the Needham Housing Authority for Veterans' homes, the next urgent building job after the Harris School district will, no doubt, be in District No. 3.

The present cost of building construction and of supplies, together with the greatly increased school population, created a heavy burden on the taxpayer's pocketbook. The load of school-

age children continues to increase as people continue to move into Needham as a desirable place to live and to raise a family. It is easy to see the definite need for two elementary schools within the next two years, or the equivalent room space. The cost must be held to a minimum consistent with safe, practical construction and of suitable capacity for the years ahead. The wave of increased elementary school population will in a few years approach Junior and Senior High Schools and additional construction may then be required to provide again for their proper housing.

#### Traffic and Parking

The Planning Board will continue to study ways and means to aid traffic conditions throughout the Town. While not all minds are in agreement on the question of parking meters for Needham, there is much that can be said in favor of meters. However, until the Town provides and maintains additional offstreet parking, the Board cannot recommend their installation. The Board's recent Traffic and Parking Survey does outline sufficient off-street parking for the present load. However, in planning for a longer range program, steps must be taken now to provide desirable areas in addition to the existing facilities. Traffic experts predict that by 1970 there will be a 75% increase in the number of cars in use. This problem of parking cannot be considered without some thought of the possible help that can be given by local stores and merchants. One cannot drive ten miles outside of Needham in any direction without finding

Proposed Off-Street Parking (within dotted area)



one or more examples of off-street parking provided by some forward-looking merchant or group of merchants for the benefit of themselves and their customers and incidentally to the benefit of the town or city in which the space is located. The Board believes the same thing could happen here in Needham. The Board will present at the Annual Town Meeting a specific recommendation of a definite parking area or areas for purchase or lease by the Town so that a start can be made towards providing additional off-street parking.

#### Incinerator

The Planning Board is concerned with the unsightly and unhealthy condition of the Town Dump. It has served its purpose and the Town should now investigate and plan the building of a Town incinerator. This will require a serious study of proper site size, cost and maintenance of such an improvement. The Board has tentatively picked a possible site for a Town incinerator and intends to spend time and effort before the 1949 Annual Town Meeting in a more complete study of this matter. Since this problem involves rubbish and garbage collection, together with incineration, to adequately solve the difficulty, the first cost will be heavy. An appropriation for technical help in making a survey of needs and for an examination of methods and equipment presently available may prove necessary and desirable.

#### Sewers

It is obvious to this Board that there must be an immediate extension of the sewer system to properly care for the heavy building activity in this fast growing community. This matter which is vital to the health of the entire Town cannot be ignored. The special sewer fund should be enlarged by probably as much as \$200,000 and the bonded debt increased to this extent. Also, the Town should have a definite, continuing program of sewer extension and improvement carried on each year until the system becomes adequate to serve all necessary areas. The present method of extending sewers when and as petitioned by home-owners is inadequate and obsolete.

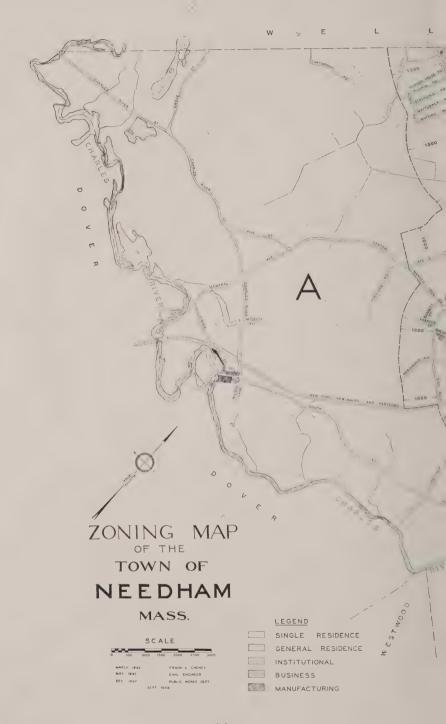
#### Parks and Park Land

In the past year Needham has acquired considerable additional park land and a Town forest. The Town now has a large amount of woodland which will be a continuing benefit. As it is developed and improved, its value and beauty can be greatly

enhanced. As this Town grows, its citizens should become more familiar with the areas set aside for their pleasure and use. The Planning Board believes that the time has come when a start should be made to develop each year in a systematic manner the possibilities for outdoor recreation inherent in the several public woodland retreats. The Board is including in this report a copy of the Town Map showing all areas designated as park and park lands. All other municipal and school land and all Townowned land is also designated. The Board intends to include a complete study and investigation of all Town-owned land in its 1949 Master study. Such a survey is desirable and should provide a basis for intelligent planning of the future development and use of these areas set aside for recreation or building.

## Zoning

The Board has previously stated that zoning is one of the primary responsibilities of the Planning Board as it is a valuable and effective safeguard to the Town. On the whole the regulations on zoning have worked well. For the future, the Board can see some changes possible but presently no serious need of revision of major requirements for new street development and subdivision control. One possible improvement has been given serious consideration and that is the changing to 15,000 sq. ft. the lot requirement in certain sections of District B from the present 10,000 sq. ft. minimum. This change may prove desirable and necessary to improve the size and type of house being built in Needham. Needham has in common with all other towns and cities a great number of small houses built both in the older sections of the Town and in new developments. This trend, of course, has developed because of construction costs primarily. It is recognized, however, that many citizens do not approve a further heavy increase in the small sized house. It must be noted, however, that this Board and no Planning Board in the Commonwealth has any legal control over the size of a house or the number of rooms. Increased area requirements for house lots would, it is believed, bring about an improved scale of home development. The Board will continue in the future to uphold the Zoning Law of the Town for the benefit of the entire Town. It will support variances only in such instances as appear warranted in unusual circumstances or will best serve the public interest.





## TOWN CLERK

MARIAN S. PETERSON, Town Clerk

	Employees	Budget		Expenditures
1944*				
1945*				
1946	2	\$5,710.97		\$4,990.61
1947	2	5,964.77	1	5,445.05
1948	2	6,131.30		6,128.30**

The rapid increase in the population of Needham is directly reflected in the activity of the Town Clerk's Office. Here the new residents seek general information about our Town, register to vote, license their dogs, obtain hunting and fishing licenses, and file marriage intentions, while the births, marriages and deaths of their families become part of our Vital Statistics.

Needham is fortunate in having the records of its Town Meetings and vital statistics from the year 1711, when the Town was incorporated.

As in 1947, the number of chattel mortgages has shown a steady increase over recent years. There were 86 such mortgages recorded in 1945, 152 in 1946, 181 in 1947 and 238 in 1948. This is largely due to the greater number of automobiles available.

During the year 1948 there were four elections — Town, Presidential Primary, State Primary and State-National, as well as four Town Meetings — Annual, May 7, June 16 and November 22. The records of these elections and Town Meetings, published in pamphlet form, are available for distribution in the Town Clerk's Office.

Of the 1,545 new voters enrolled this year, 467 registered during business hours at this office, and 1,078 at Regular Sessions of the Registrars.

Vital Statistics	1947	1948
Births	404	291
Marriages	216	184
Deaths	168	144
Receipts		
Dog Licenses	\$3,158.25	\$3,263.50
Hunting, fishing, trapping licenses		1,796.50
Miscellaneous foos	2.016.00	1.044.10

<sup>\*</sup>Prior to 1946 Town Clerk received small salary but retained all fees collected. Beginning January 1, 1946 Town Clerk received straight salary, all fees being turned in to Town.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes commitment of \$398.53 for a counter, carried over from 1947 budget.

### **BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

#### ARMSTRONG BEATTIE, Chairman

#### MARY E. FITZGERALD

#### FRANCIS J. DONAHUE

#### MARIAN S. PETERSON, Ex-Officio

	Emplo	yees		
	Permanent 1	Part Time	Budget	Expenditures
1944	1	3	\$5,244.09	\$5,230.60
1945	1	3	4,490.35	4,380.90
1946	1	3	6,424.05	6,051.33
1947	1	3	5,627.50	5,322.45
1948	1	3	7,892.17	7,524.00

There were 8,897 registered voters in Needham for the election November 2, the largest number ever enrolled in the Town. Many hours of planning were required to provide adequate facilities for handling the record high vote of 8,079 and the recording of that vote.

For the Board of Registrars, 1948 was a busy year because of its four elections — the Town Election March 8, Presidential Primary April 27, State Primary September 14, and National and State Election November 2.

During the year 526 names were removed from the voting list because of death, removal from Town or change of name in the case of brides, and 1,545 new names were added. The Board of Registrars held 12 evening sessions for the purpose of placing names on the Register of Voters. In addition, registration took place daily Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M., and on Tuesday evenings at the office of the Town Clerk.

In spite of the severe weather the Street Listing was completed early in February, due to the excellent work of the canvassers.

Chapter 477 of the Acts of 1948 provides that at regular biennial state elections an absentee ballot be sent to a registered voter upon receipt of any written request, it no longer being necessary to use the formal Application Form. This law was accepted by the Town at the Special Town Meeting November 22, with respect to regular Town Elections. It should be borne in mind that the request must be signed exactly as the name appears on the Voting List.

### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

### ARTHUR H. GODFREY, Principal Assessor EARL W. RICHWAGEN, Secretary A. STERLING HOLT

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1944	2	\$10,413.07	\$8,597.48
1945	2	10,785.54	9,100.38
1946	2	11,295.72	9,698.63
1947	2	14,232.15	10,970.73
1948	2	14,266.13	13,015.46

Needham in 1948, again led all other towns of the Commonwealth in building gains. This was due chiefly to the fact that more than two hundred homes were erected during the year. This type of building, however, while adding to our revenue in taxable property is multiplying our expenditures in all departments, more noticeably in schools and public works.

It was necessary in 1948 to raise from all sources \$1,940,032.26 to take care of Town, County, and State commitments; an increase of more \$300,000.00 over 1947.

The Board of Assessors is strongly of the opinion that if there is to be a continual increase in local, County, and State expenditures, some other source of revenue should be considered to reduce the burden on real estate.

The following is a recapitulation of receipts and expenditures for the year 1948 from which the tax rate is figured:

#### TOWN BUDGET AND STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

Town Appropriations (Voted by Town Meetings)	\$1,847,841.39
State Tax and Assessments	32,685.51
County Tax and Hospital Assessments	44,933.67
Overlay	14,571.69
Gross amount to be raised	\$1,940,032.26

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Town (All revenue derived from Water Department, Hospital, Motor Vehicle Excise,		
etc.)	\$330,435.74	
Income Tax (Collected by State and returned to the Town)	117,396.41	
Corporation Tax (Collected by State, etc.)	61,932.91	
Meals Tax (Collected by State, etc.)	1,935.75	
Available Funds (From Excess and Deficiency Account; Unexpended balances from previ-	\$511,700.81	
ous year)	258,642.36	
Overestimates of 1947 — State	7,037.84	777,381.01
Amount to be raised by taxation on Poll Taxes, Personal and Real Estate Taxes, (levied and collected by Town)		\$1,162,651.25
Tax Rate\$35.00 per \$1,000.00		
Poll Taxes, 4,898 at \$2.00 each (levied against all males 20 years and older with certain exceptions)	\$9,796.00	
Personal Property, \$1,633,670.00 x \$35.00 (Taxes levied against personal property)	57,178 45	
Real Estate, \$31,304,775.00 x \$35.00 (Taxes levied against real estate)	1,095,667.13	
Fractional gain (Accumulation of items in the Commitment Book ending in one-half cent)	9.67	\$1,162,651.25
SPECIAL ASSESSMI	ENTS	
Apportionments added to Taxes:		
Sewer	\$5,808.36	
Sewer House Connections	3,222.72	
Sidewalk Street	176.42 1,348.90	
Water Liens	450.88	\$11,007.28
water Liens	450.00	\$11,007.20

### SCHOOLS

#### W. BIGELOW HALL, Chairman

# MABEL P. FRISWELL JERRY BOND, JR. EDWIN M. WAINWRIGHT RUTH E. STEERE BARBARA M. PAGE

### DERWOOD A. NEWMAN, Superintendent

	Em	ployees		
	Teaching	Non-Teaching	Budget	Expenditures
1944	99	15	\$323,085.04	\$315,184.07
1945	98	18	348,120.33	340,896.44
1946	104	20	404,126.12	396,731.10
1947	106	28	497,042.04	495,375.92
1948	109	29	527,613.57	524,566.41

The elections of March, 1948, resulted in a 50 per cent turnover in the personnel of the School Committee when Barbara M. Page, Ruth E. Steere and Edwin M. Wainwright were elected to the positions vacated by Henry D. Hersey, Alice B. Dunn and Roland C. March who were not candidates for reelection. The Committee has held regular meetings and frequent special meetings.

One of Needham's most pressing problems is the housing of the rapidly growing school population. Despite Special Town Meetings called in June and November by the special committee working on the problem, no solution receiving the approval of the Town has yet been found. A new committee appointed at the meeting in November is now at work on the problem and it is hoped that a new school building will be started without undue delay. Because of the crowded conditions, we are now transporting 104 pupils from the Harris area to the Carter and Avery Schools. Additional teachers have had to be obtained for these pupils, and our transportation costs have gone up considerably and will continue to increase in 1949, or until a new school is available. From September, 1949, until a new school is ready for occupancy, exceedingly crowded conditions in the elementary schools can be expected.

In January, snow conditions were such that it seemed wise to establish an emergency single session day in the elementary schools to reduce the amount of foot traffic in the very dangerous streets. A group of mothers of elementary children were so pleased with the arrangement that they petitioned the School Committee to continue the practice permanently. A questionnaire was sent out by the schools to all parents of elementary

pupils to determine whether or not the sentiment in favor of such a change was general, and it was found those desiring the change were overwhelmingly in the majority. The School Committee voted to continue a single session program for the remainder of the school year. In May a follow-up questionnaire disclosed the fact that the same preponderance of sentiment still prevailed and the Committee voted to continue the practice through the school year 1948–1949.

The Committee hopes soon to inaugurate a driver-training course with a dual control car in the High School if the necessary funds are made available. The expense will not be great and the results should more than justify it. The accident rate of our youthful drivers in the Commonwealth is continually decreasing as more schools inaugurate this training program.

The fire insurance on the school buildings was reviewed this year with the Selectmen increasing the amount of protection. The Committee feels that the buildings are still under-insured, as the amount of protection is far less than the replacement cost.

For a long time the Senior High School Auditorium has been in need of new draperies and curtains and this year money was made available to obtain them. The Committee was fortunate in having them installed in time for the graduation of the 1948 class.

The Carter and Eliot Schools were renovated in 1948 and in accordance with our program, the High School will be done next. Our study of the needs there indicates that the expense involved will be very high, so that it may be necessary, in order to hold cur maintenance budget within bounds, to spend two years on the High School.

All school playgrounds are badly in need of attention but the Dwight School playground is most urgently in need of repair. The ball field is filled with large boulders which are a menace to the children and are the cause of many accidents. Unfortunately, most of the land on which the ball field is located is not owned by the Town. The Committee feels that additional property should be acquired and rendered suitable for playground purposes.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

This is the 56th annual report made by Superintendents to the Needham School Committee and is the fifth report written by the present Superintendent. For the third consecutive year, the school report presented is greatly condensed. To explain policies and give much more detailed supplementary information, a

series of articles was published in the weekly papers last year. This same policy will be pursued in 1949.

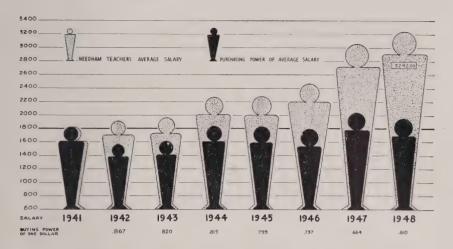
During the past year ten new teachers have been appointed to the staff; seven to fill vacancies created by resignations and three to new positions. Two teachers have been transferred and the teacher who was on exchange to Dundee, Scotland, has returned. One teacher is on leave of absence for the remainder of the school year.

It was necessary to establish another kindergarten in September to accommodate our growing kindergarten population in the Avery and Harris Schools. This was done at the Avery School since it was possible to move grade two across the street to the Carter School.

The Carter School, which has had room to spare, suddenly found itself crowded, with classes in every room. The sixth grade children from the Harris School who had formerly attended the Stephen Palmer School could not longer be accommodated there, and were all taken to the Carter School. Almost half of the fifth grade children from the Harris School also had to be taken to the Carter School. One hundred and four children were transported from the Harris School District to the Carter and Avery Schools.

There was an increase of 142 pupils in our elementary school population, 115 of them in the kindergarten and first three grades. This increase in school population, equivalent to five class rooms, appears to be but a forreunner of what is to follow. Indeed, if nation-wide birth rates and our local new construction rate continue, there is every reason to anticipate a similar growth in each of the next four years, and we shall need the equivalent of two 300-pupil elementary schools in addition to our present strained facilities. Even without immigration, we shall need close to 600 pupil stations, and with immigration it is quite conceivable that with 600 additional stations we shall still be as seriously crowded as we are at present.

During the fall of 1948, the elementary school program was extended to provide lunches for elementary pupils in the Harris, Dwight and Eliot Schools. Food is prepared at the Senior High School for the Harris School, at the Junior High for the Dwight School, and at the Carter School for the Eliot School. Thermos jugs are used to keep food warm as it is carried to the several schools. The program would be impossible if it were not for the new truck we purchased in the summer.



In 1941, the average salary of Needham teachers was about \$150 less than the average for teachers in the state. Not until 1944 did Needham teachers receive average salaries as high as those received throughout the state. At the present time, the average here is about \$300 above the state average largely because our married men are paid high salaries and because over three-quarters of the teaching staff is now at maximum.

As will be seen from the above chart, the purchasing power of Needham salaries was actually less in 1942, 1943, and 1946 than in 1941, and has decreased again during the last year so that as of the date of this report it is approximately equal to the average purchasing power of Massachusetts teachers in 1941.

If Needham were entirely independent of the remainder of the country, there might be no cause for concern, but our teachers, like most people in the profession, are recruited from everywhere. Most have had more than one position, the average being three. We secure and hold our teachers in a highly competitive market. It is estimated that about 100,000 new elementary teachers and 25,000 new secondary teachers will be needed in each of the next ten years. Against this need, our higher institutions prepared last year about 20,000 elementary teachers, less than 12,000 of whom were four-year graduates. The secondary school situation is relatively less serious, but only relatively so.

Kiplinger, in an article captioned, "We Can Afford What We Want" recently said "We Americans have fine automobiles, good roads and lots of them, electric stoves, refrigerators, telephones, milk delivery to the door, laundries that call for and deliver,

electric service to the house in the hills, bus service everywhere, water out of the faucet, soaring buildings, grand movie houses."

"These are the things we pay for."

"Let's not dodge the issue, — down at the deep roots of the school situation is money — your money, tax money. We do not crave excellent schools as much as we say we crave them — The American people have never fully assessed the importance of education in a democracy."

We spend almost nine billion dollars a year for alcohol, about three and three-quarters billion for tobacco, about two and a quarter billion for beauty services and cosmetics, and less than three billion for education. We spend almost four and twothirds times as much annually in combatting crime as we do for education. We can afford to pay for good schools.

#### Remedial Reading

The function of teachers of reading is threefold: they are available for consultation on classroom grouping of pupils for reading and selection of suitable materials; they make an analysis of individual problem cases and assist teachers in classroom provision for these cases, and they provide individual or small group instruction for the truly remedial cases, that is, for children of average or above average intelligence who for one reason or another have not learned to read.

Remedial Reading Class — Harris School



Not every child having difficulty with reading is a remedial case. Each child has a level at which he can comprehend spoken words and ideas, called his capacity for reading, and also a level at which he can read orally and silently with understanding. called his reading achievement. If these two levels are approximately the same, whether they are above or below the child's actual grade placement, the child is not a remedial case, although he might profit from additional practice in reading either in the classroom or at home. Children grow in reading at varying rates, just as they do in height or weight, and in one classroom there will and should normally be children reading at four or five different levels. Some learn to read more rapidly than others. but the one who learns more slowly in grades one to three is not necessarily a poorer reader at the end of the sixth grade than the one who started off more rapidly, but may have slowed down later on as the study skills type of reading was reached.

There is no magic formula which can be used on a remedial case to insure success in reading. Basically, remedial methods are no different from the best practices used in good classroom teaching of reading. The remedial teacher, however, is trained not to rely on any one method exclusively but often to combine several approaches such as visual, auditory, motor and kinaesthetic. Sometimes the difficulty will be in oral reading only, but if the child is above the second grade there is often difficulty in

School Nurse giving Hearing Test





Elementary School Project

some phase of silent reading as well. Much effort is directed toward teaching children to read material silently so that they get the thought of the author and can make use of the material in answering questions, making a report to the class, or carrying out independent research on a specific subject.

In Needham, a remedial program has been carried on for a number of years in all elementary schools where there are enough remedial cases to make the program practical. Children in grades two through six needing assistance are taken from the regular classroom and given instruction in small groups in a room set up for remedial work. This does not replace but supplements the classroom teaching and is arranged so that a child will not lose classroom time needed for other essential subjects. Approximately 150 children a year receive this instruction for about one-half hour, two or more days a week.

The classroom teacher and remedial teacher work in close cooperation to be sure materials used are at the child's present level of achievement, no matter what his grade placement may be. This gives the child a feeling of security and enables him to experience success, rather than constant failure in too difficult material. A feeling of personal success in reading is one of the most vital factors in overcoming any type of reading difficulty.



Music Group

Careful checks of growth and progress are made so that pupils will gain confidence and a sense of security.

The music program in the elementary schools is based upon the philosophy that musical enjoyment is of prime importance and that musical knowledge contributes to that enjoyment through life. This objective is realized through three major types of activity, namely: PLAYING, SINGING AND LISTENING.

PLAYING — From the kindergarten on, children play singing games; they interpret songs taken from their everyday experiences; they develop their inherent rhythm by playing in the rhythm orchestra to the accompaniment of piano or phonograph. In the first grade, children increase their repertoire of songs and singing games, and use the rhythm band instruments for special effects. In the third or fourth grade, some of the children are given an opportunity to play a pre-band instrument, called a Flutophone. This instrument not only aids in reading music but it indicates desire and aptitude on the part of the children for playing real instruments. Then from the fourth grade on, children are given an opportunity to take lessons, for a small fee, in their chosen instrument through an instrumental program which is sponsored by the schools. Children are encouraged to play

their instruments in school as often as possible. A beginning has been made in the organization of an elementary school band.

SINGING — A program for reading readiness for music is started in the first grade and actual note reading is started in the second grade. Note reading and note singing is continued throughout the grades. Two-part music is introduced in the fifth grade and continued through the sixth grade. Every school has a Glee Club composed of boys and girls from the fifth and sixth grades. Glee Club activities include: singing for Mothers' Clubs, special day programs, operettas, and musical get-togethers.

LISTENING — Music listening (appreciation) begins with listening to records that personify various instruments such as "Tubby the Tuba", "Rusty in Orchestraville", and "Peepo the Piccolo". In the upper grades the musical selections are made on the basis first of studying the actual tonal qualities of instruments and second, of correlating with the various units of work that children are studying in connection with social studies. In fact, teachers are encouraged to correlate music with all other subjects. Examples of how this has been done were the presentation of the pageant on The History of Needham; a get-together of all sixth grades to enjoy music of Great Britain; contributions by all grades in the United Nations and American Folklore festivals. These listening activities form a background for the study of Junior High School music history. Included in the listening program are motion pictures, trips to Youth Concerts at Symphony Hall, and radio programs such as the Listen and Learn Series conducted by Arthur Fiedler.

The Supervisor of Music Education in the elementary schools visits all classes, kindergarten through fifth grade, one-half hour every two weeks, and the sixth grade classes every week. Music is a part of the classroom teacher's regular daily program.

#### Guidance and Research

In July, 1945, the Needham School Committee took the first step in initiating a guidance program for the schools of Needham. This administrative action was the hiring of a director responsible to the Superintendent of Schools for the function of guidance in the Needham Schools. Besides the director of guidance, the department personnel consists of a full-time counselor, located at the Needham High School. It is hoped that the next year will see the addition of a full-time counselor located at the Junior High School. The evidence of guidance needs in the junior high school is staggering. It is in the junior high where the majority of boys and girls develop from puberty into adolescence. The associated emotional, psychological, and academic difficulties can be almost miraculously helped by a trained counselor.

Guidance in the Needham schools is of the pupil-personnel type, meaning that it includes more than educational and vocational guidance. The Needham program starts with preschool guidance for the entering kindergartener and follows through the elementary schools into the junior and senior high schools and on to post-school youth. In short, the program is an integrated one, using the various specialists within the school system as well as those without the school system who make their services available as part of the community resources for helping children with problems. Within the school system, some of the active staff dealing with pupil-personnel problems are the school doctors, school nurse, remedial reading specialists, guidance counselors, principals, and others in the administrative staff.

Plans are under way now in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health to have available, starting

Crafts Class at Junior High School



the first of the year, psychiatric consultant services to augment the pupil-personnel program. This service will be paid for mainly by the state, using money available through the federal mental health bill. In connection with this plan, steps are being taken to have adequate psychiatric social work aid available to assist in the program. The integration of psychiatric services as part of a school program will be of much interest throughout the state. Specifically, it will help us here in the Needham Schools to meet better the needs of more of our pupils and should correct the emotional deterrents to academic success of some pupils.

### Junior High School

The main objective of the faculty and students of the Junior High School this past year has been to provide every opportunity for the teachers and pupils to accomplish their best work and to offer to all pupils, through as extensive a curriculum as possible, subjects and activities which will meet most of their interests, and which will provide them with a wide area of experimentation. To promote this aim, a faculty Curriculum Committee was organized, which met regularly throughout last year and this. This committee has presented many suggestions at faculty meetings, resulting in beneficial changes in the curriculum and in the life of the school. The pupils, through their Student Council, have contributed much toward the attainment of the objectives given above.

Recognizing the necessity of improving spelling, all teachers have stressed spelling in their class work, teaching the vocabulary necessary for their subjects, while the English teachers have provided for the formal teaching of spelling in the English classes.

Since our special class is now very small, it has been possible for the special class teacher to assist four groups of 7th and 8th grade pupils who are in need of remedial reading work.

Every effort was made during the spring of last year to make the transition of the 6th grade pupils to Junior High School as gradual a step in the school lives of these people as possible.

In order to give pupils in the Junior High School the kind of help and guidance they really need, a full or part-time guidance director should be added to the teaching staff of the school.

The extra-curricular sports program for girls has been increased to include intramural sports for all the girls during

every season of the year, volley ball in the fall, basketball in the winter, and soft ball in the spring.

### Senior High School

At least 61 per cent of the 167 seniors who graduated in June, 1948, entered schools of higher learning. We have experienced very little difficulty in placing qualified graduates in schools of their first choice. The guidance department, with its records of tests and personal characteristics, has played an important part in our success in this respect. A partial list of colleges represented last September follows: Boston University, Brown, Colby, Dartmouth, Madison, University of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern, Norwich, Notre Dame, Rhode Island State, Skidmore, Swarthmore, Tufts, Vassar, University of Vermont, Wilson.

The nine members of the senior class who took the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Examinations did an outstanding job. The final record shows that two rated in the highest national ten per cent; two in the next highest ten per cent; two in the third; two in the fourth; and one in the fifth. Distinction awards were given to Stuart Cowan, Joseph Plunkett, and Sheldon Thorpe. Scholarships of considerable financial value were awarded to graduates by Brown University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Two of our graduates, one at Amherst and another at Smith, were elected to Phi Beta Kappa, making a total of 24 during the last twenty years. Students now in colleges were on the Dean's List in the following institutions: Brown, Bryn Mawr, Harvard, Madison, Maine, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern, and Simmons.

Because of the satisfactory work of our graduates in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, our school has been kept on the select list of secondary schools which have the privilege of sending pupils who have taken the proper subjects and who rank in the upper fifth of their class, to the Institute without going through the ordeal of entrance examinations. At the top of our Program of Studies is the following statement: "The aim of education at the Needham Senior High School is the education of the whole individual as a member of a democratic society." Reports from higher institutions of learning show that our graduates are not only doing good work scholastically,

but that they are taking leading parts in many extra-curricular activities.

Two of our present senior boys, on the basis of their work in preliminary examination, have been designated as first and second alternates from our district for Annapolis.

Youth in Government Day and Career Day were sponsored again by the Exchange Club and were very successful events. Senior boys were guests of Needham Rotary during the school year and derived invaluable benefits from their contacts with leaders in our community.

The New Century Club makes available annually a substantial scholarship award of \$200 to the girl in the graduating class who has shown marked ability in her studies, leadership, and ambition to work for her future education. The first recipient of that scholarship was Ann Peterson. The honor of receiving the other substantial scholarship, the Moseley Scholarship, went to Kenneth Childs.

Prizes were made available annually to members of our student body by Dr. Schirmer, Mr. Herbert Stevenson, Mrs. Ray Hall, the Liljequist Company, and Mr. James H. Whetton.

The Scholastic Boosters gave efficient service at the home football games and gave money for equipment, awards and entertainment.

In accordance with pre-arranged plans, a class in Driver Education was established this year. It is our hope that the instruction received in this class will be culminated by actual driving experience in a dual-control car in January.

## STATISTICS OF ENROLLMENT October 1, 1948

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Senior												154	182	186	2	524
Junior High									188	203	187					578
Stephen Palmer	100	109	95	82	71	75	-80									612
Carter-Avery	104	71	49	37	46	55	94									456
Harris	48	69	59	49	49	35										309
Dwight	18	23	30	14	20	21	22									148
Eliot	18	17	11	12	12	9										79
Totals	288	289	244	194	198	195	196		188	203	187	154	182	186	2	2,706
TOTAL ELEMENTARY — 1,604 TOTAL SECONDARY — 1,102																

### PERSONNEL LIST AS OF JANUARY, 1949

Name	Degree	Educational Training	Year Began in Needham
Superintendent			
Derwood A. Newman	B.S. in Engin. Ed.M., Ed.D.	University of New Hampshire Harvard University	1944
Senior High School William F. Pollard	A.B.	Middlebury College	1927
Principal John E. Nelson	Eł.M. A.B.	Harvard University Williams College	1932
Bookkeeping Charles E. Benton Physics, Chemistry	B.S. Ll.B. Ll.M.	Harvard University Northeastern University Law Boston University Law	1926
Radio, Electronics William A. Berry, Jr. Counselor, Driver Ed.	B.A.	Dartmouth Law	1948
Econ., Geog. Annie M. Currie	A.B.	Tufts College	1920
French, Latin, English F. Clare Curtin English	B.A. M.A.	Yale Columbia	1946
Catherine Dodge English, Geometry	A.B. M.A.	University of New Hampshire	1925
Florence Durgin Economics	2 yr. (Diploma)	Middlebury Plymouth (N. H.) State Boston University Boston University	1922
M. E. History Patricia Eldridge Home Economics	M.A. B.S.	Framingham Teachers College	1946
Anna P. Fessenden Mathematics	B.A. M.S.	Smith College University of Minnesota Lebanon Valley	1926
Fred L. Frost U. S. History	A.B. M.A. Ed.M.	Lebanon Valley Columbia University Harvard University	1919
Frederick Gorgone, Jr. U. S. History Elem. of Aero.	A.B. A.M.	Boston College Harvard University	1917
Econ. Geog. Alice C. Gates	2 yr. (Diploma) B.S.	Fitchburg State Boston University	1925
Biology Margaret Guthrie	2 yr. (Diploma) B.C.S.	Bryant & Stratton New York University	1930
Typing Ruth C. Harrington French	A.B.	Boston University	1926
Leroy K. Houghton, Jr. Math., Chemistry Margaret C. Kenney	B.S. M.E.	University of Massachusetts Boston University	1947
Margaret C. Kenney Spanish, English	A.B. M.Ed.	Wellesley College Boston University Boston University	1938
Spanish, English Gertrude Lewis Stenog., Typing Evelyne S. Merrill (Mrs.)	B.S.		1929
Engusu	l yr. A.B.	Westbrook Jr. Colby College	1941
Ernest J. Pelletier Manual Training	B.S.	University of New Hampshire	1936
Leita Sawyer English	B.A.	Boston University	1924
Asa Small Com. Law, Math.	A.B. Ll.B. Ll.M.	Bowdoin Northeastern University Boston University	1927
Louise Steele English	B.A. Ed.M.	Colby Harvard University	1926
Junior High School James M. Peebles	B.S.Ed.	Bridgewater State Teachers	1940
Principal Doris Askew	M.A. 2 yr. (Diploma)	Columbia University Oswego N. Y. State Columbia Teachers College	1935
Social Studies, Eng. Hope Bryant	IB.S.	Simmons College	1942
Home Economics M. Earle Chase Science	M.Ed. B.S. B.S.Ed.	Boston University University of Massachusetts Bridgewater State	1942
Lorraine A. Claxton (Mrs.)	3 yr. (Diploma) B.S.	E. Stroudsburg (Pa.) State E. Stroudsburg (Pa.) State	1944
Arith., Science Sylvia Collins Algebra, Jr. Business	Summers	Farmington, Keene and Plymouth State Normal	1925
English Myrtle Colson	B.S.Ed.	Boston Teachers College	1937
Algebra, Math. Joseph DePasqua Eng. Social Studies	M.Ed. B.A.	Boston Teachers College Amherst College	1945

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Name	Degree	Educational Training	Year Began in Needham
Junior High School — cont. Mary Dugan General Math	2 yr. (Diploma) Ll.B.	Fitchburg State Suffolk University Law School	1930
Social Studies R. Ashley Holt Arith., Science Visual Ed.	B.P.E.	Springfield College	1932
Geraldine Illingworth	B.Mus.	Boston University	1947
English John Jenkins	A.B.	Bowdoin Columbia University	1940
English Roger J. Krohn	M.A. B.S.Ed.	Massachusetts School of Art	1948
Art Ursula Leaman (Mrs.)	3 yr. (Diploma)	Salem Teachers College	1947
Special Class Elizabeth Linscott (Mrs.)	A.B.	Boston University	1946
English Katherine Locke	A.B. M.A.	Hollins College	1936
Katherine Locke Latin, History Dexter Nichols	A.B.	University of Michigan Harvard College	1946
English, Music Nellie T. O'Brien Social Studies		Framingham State Teachers	1916
Margaret E. O'Leary (Mrs.) Eng., Social Studies Edward Perrin	B.S.Ed.	Boston University Boston University	1946
Edward Perrin	B.S.Ed.	Pennsylvania Teachers College	1942
Industrial Arts Jerome C. Sisson	B.S. M.Ed.	Clarkson College of Technology Boston University	1928
Science K. Lucille Wharton Social Studies	A.B. M.A.	University of Illinois Columbia University	1938
Stephen Palmer School Arnold Lunt	B.S.Ed.	Boston University	1946
Principal Gladys J. Benton (Mrs.)	M.Ed. 2 yr. (Diploma)	Boston University Edinboro (Pa.) State Teachers	1925
Grade IV Estelle Cassidy	3 yr. (Diploma)		1941
Grade III Ruth D. Carroll (Mrs.) Grade I	B.S. in Ed. B.S.	Hyannis State Teachers College Mass. School of Art Columbia	1949
Jane B. Doughty	3 yr. (Diploma)	Boston College Bridgewater State Teachers	1919
Grade I Elsie C. Ferguson (Mrs.)	3 yr. (Diploma)	Boston University Boston Teachers College	1944
Grade II Alice Glassett (Mrs.)	B.S. 2 yr. (Diploma) B.S. in Ed.	Framingham State Teachers	1926
Grade VI Marion C. Hancock (Mrs.) Grade VI Parbare Hestel (Mrs.)	3 yr. (Diploma)	Boston University Bridgewater State Teachers	1946
Darbara Hatch (Mrs.)	2 yr. (Diploma)	Lowell State Teachers	1941
Grade IV, V Margaret Heideman (Mrs.)	2 yr. (Diploma)	Springfield Kindergarten Training	1944
Grade VI Virginia Jacques	B.S. in Ed.	Wheelock College	1946
Kindergarten Bertha Johnson	2 yr. (Diploma)	Castleton (Vt.) State Teachers	1918
Grade V Phyllis Johnson	2 yr. (Diploma)	Lesley College	1946
Grade I Alice McDougald	2 yr. (Diploma)	Hyannis Summer Fisher Kindergarten	1916
Kindergarten Ruth S. Manchester (Mrs.)	2 yr. (Diploma)	Bridgewater State Teachers	1943
Grade II James H. Pettengill Grade VI	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater State Teachers	1948
Wilma Smith (Mrs.)	2 yr. (Diploma)	Eastern State Normal (Me.)	1927
Grade IV Margaret Wilcock	2 yr. (Diploma)	North Adams State Teachers	1930
Margaret Wilcock Grade V Madolin Wilcox Grade II	1 yr. (Diploma) 2 yr. (Diploma)	Bridgewater State Teachers Farmington (Me.) State Teachers Boston University	1919
Dwight School Carleton F. Rose, Principal		Fredericksburg Teachers	1947
Grade V, VI Margaret Cotter Grade IV, V	B.S. in Ed. B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater Teachers College Framingham State Teachers	1944

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Name	Degree	Educational Training	Year Began in Needham
Dwight School — cont. Florence Day	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater Teachers College	1948
Grade II, III Katherine Halloran	B.S. in Ed.	Lesley College	1948
Grade I, II Eleanor MacDonald (Mrs.) Kindergarten	B.S. in Ed.	Wheelock College	1948
William Carter School Minot MacDonald	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater State Teachers	1937
Principal Mildred S. Crocker (Mrs.) Grade V	M.A. 2 yr. (Diploma)	New England Conservatory	1945
Eva B. Davis (Mrs.)	2 yr. (Diploma)	Boston University Plymouth (N. H.) State Teachers	1937
Grade V Dennis F. Foley	B.S. in Ed.	Salem Teachers	1941
Grade VI Dorothy Fleming (Mrs.) Grade II	2 yr. (Diploma)	Boston University Fitchburg State Teachers	1949
Elsie Kalin (Mrs.)	B.Ed.	New Haven State Teachers	1945
Grade III Gertrude F. Maroni (Mrs.) Grade IV	2 yr. (Diploma) 3 yr. Certif. B.S. in Ed.	Salem State Teachers Salem State Teachers Salem State Teachers Bridgewater State Teachers	1931
Olga M. Peet (Mrs.) Grade III. IV	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater State Teachers	1937
Grade III, IV Marian McKillop (Mrs.) Grade II		Boston Teachers College	1947
Marie L. Henry Grade VI	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater State Teachers	1940
Evelyn Martin (Mrs.) Grade VI	2 yr. (Diploma)	Gorham (Me.) State Teachers Boston University University of Colorado	1943
Avery School Cynthia M. Gregory	2 yr. (Diploma)	Wheelock	1934
Kindergarten Catherine G. Hogan	B.S. in Ed.	Worcester State Teachers	1948
Kindergarten Helen C. Kelly Grade I	2 yr. (Diploma)	Framingham State Teachers	1948
Grade I Helen C. Peterson Grade I	B.S. in Ed. 2 yr. (Diploma)	Boston University Hyannis State Teachers	1940
Eliot School	2 vr (Diploma)	Garham (Ma.) State Teachers College	1925
Gladys I. Gilbert, Principal Grade IV, V Anne E. Fawcett	B.S. in Ed.	Gorham (Me.) State Teachers College Columbia Massachusetts Normal Art	1919
Grade II, III Lillian Prescott (Mrs.)	2 yr. (Diploma)	Hyannis State Teachers Gorham (Me.) State Teachers	1921
Grade I, Kindergarten			
Harris School Rebecca H. Perry	2 yr. (Diploma)	Washington State Normal (Me.) Boston University	1924
Principal Ruth S. Carey (Mrs.)	2 yr. (Diploma) B.S. in Ed.	Framingham State Teachers	1943
Grade I Elsie M. Hinkley	1½ yr.	Framingham State Teachers	1918
Kindergarten Ruth E. Jacobs	2 yr. (Diploma) B.S. in Ed.	Boston University Hyannis State Teachers Boston University	1930
Grade II Mary K. Lane _ Grade V	A.B. Ed.M.	Emmanuel College Boston University	1941
Evelyn A. Lowell	2 yr. (Diploma)	Farmington (Me.) State Teachers Columbia University	1941
Evelyn A. Lowell Grade IV, III Dorothy Mitchell (Mrs.) Grade III	2 yr. (Diploma)	Gorham Normal Harvard University Boston University	1946
Bernice Phillips Grade I	B.S. in Ed.	Boston University Boston University Wheelock College	1942
Jane Russell Grade IV	B.S.	Bridgewater Teachers College	1946
Dorothy Turner Grade II	B.S.	Bridgewater Teachers College	1946

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Name	Degree	Educational Training	gan in Needhar
Supervisors and Specials Mary Badger Music, Elementary Grades	B.S.	Skidmore College	1946
Madeline E. Bartell	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater State Teachers	1945
Elementary Supervisor Margaret Carroll Physical Education	M.Ed. B.S. in Ed.	Boston University Sargent	1936
Physical Education Philip Claxton Physical Education	M.Ed. 3 yr. (Diploma) B.S.	Boston University E. Stroudsburg State Normal	1929
Mario DeFazio Physical Education	IB.S.	E. Stroudsburg State Teachers Boston University Boston University	1935
William Fisher	Ed.M. B.S. in Music	New York University New York University New York University	1938
Music, Band Barbara Hill Remedial Reading	M.A. B.S. in Ed. M.E.	New York University Boston University Boston University	1940
Testing Helen Williams Pilalas (Mrs.) Physical Education William Rinehart Handwriting	B.P.E.	Sargent College of Boston University	1944
John R. Sawyer Art Sr. High and Elem.	Diploma B.S. in Ed.	Massachusetts Art Massachusetts School of Art	1948
Myrtle Taylor Remedial Reading	2 yr. (Diploma) B.S. in Ed.	Perry Kindergarten Boston University	1936
Testing William F. Valdina Guidance Director	B.S. M.Ed.	American International College Boston University	1945
	General	Control	
Dene R. Kelley (Mrs.) Departmental Assistant	2 yr. (Diploma)	Framingham State Teachers	1926
Bachel Ciano	Diploma	Needham High School	1946
Guidance Secretary Margaret Palmstrom (Mrs.)	Certificate	Pierce Secretarial School	1948
Secretary Junior High Esther P. Robinson (Mrs.)	2 yr. Certificate	Boston University, P.A.L.	1945
Secretary Superintendent Edna F. Slaney (Mrs.) Secretary Senior High	Diploma	Chandler Secretarial School	1926
Edward Wainwright Attendance Officer			
Lois M. Carley	Cafeteria B.S.		7.044
Dietitian		University of Connecticut	1944
Josephine Connolly Helen Daley Jean Fairbanks Eleanor Kerrigan Anna M. Pfeifer Hazel Roper Evelyn Tisdale Blanche Wright	Assistant, Eliot Cook, Senior Hi Cook, Senior Hi Assistant, Harri Cook, Junior Hi Cook, Stephen I Assistant, Dwig Cook, William C	gh School igh School is School igh School Palmer School	1948 1948 1947 1948 1944 1946 1948 1947
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Helen T. Daly, R.N. Nurse David E. Mann, M.D. J. Walter Schirmer, M.D. George B. Jones	B. S. Simmons (School Physicia School Physicia Superintendent	n	1949 1934
Everett Heald	Maintenance	<i>g</i> -	1946
	of School Buil	dings — regularly appointed	
Mason T. Bird William A. Cassidy Cornelius J. Coughlin Horace Cutler John J. Daley Bertram Mackiernan Lester C. Merritt Frederick C. Newey Alfred E. Stark Charles B. Stuart Benjamin Thomas Ralpn Van Ornum Hans Ter Veen Edward Stephenson		Service in Senior High School Service in William Carter School Service in Senior High School Service in Senior High School Service in Harris School Service in Harris School Service in Eliot School Service in Eliot School Service in Stephen Palmer School Service in Junior High School Service in Junior High School Service in Avery School Service in Dwight School Service in Indirect High Service in Senior High Service in Senior High	1923 1947 1945

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### LESTER C. HOLLIS, Superintendent

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1944	48	\$296,559.40	\$163,074.19
1945	57	362,865.09	192,671.39
1946	62	519,600.08	397,481.17
1947	72	706,000.14	636.856.02
1948	80	756,056.89	695,745.03

For the administration of the Public Works Department, engineering, maintenance of equipment and buildings, and for maintaining shade trees, Town Forest, highways, parks, sidewalks, sewers, water and for care of the Town Dump, and unclassified work for other Town departments, the sum of \$156,-828.20 was expended for salaries and wages, and \$58,480.00 for expenses.

About \$6,600 was expended beyond the normal requirements for insulating the new corrugated steel garage and miscellaneous painting and repair of buildings at the Norris Farm, and the replacement of the flag pole at Needham Heights Common. In addition, approximately \$80,000 was expended for operating street lights, equipment purchases and snow and ice removal.

Equipment replaced this year was one Plymouth sedan, one Chevrolet coupe, one Chevrolet pick-up truck, and a snow plow. New equipment purchased was one power lawn mower, one power chain saw, and one snow plow.

For construction, about \$454,000 was expended. Many requirements for such construction work will again be presented for 1949, most of which it is assumed will be accomplished, but much will, of necessity be deferred until appropriations may be made available.

The annual snowfall in Needham, and the expenditures for removal have been tabulated and shown in charts previously reported to the Town and is still recorded each year.

This is the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Public Works Department.

### **Engineering Division**

The Engineering Division has supplied engineering surveys, plans and studies necessary for the construction of sewers and drains, together with descriptions and plans of various easements required through private properties. After the completion of construction, assessment record plans have been made and assessments computed for sewers installed.

Lines and grades have been given and stone monuments bounding the street lines have been placed where deemed necessary on three streets accepted by the Town in 1948.

This Division has given the necessary lines and grades for the construction of sidewalks under the Betterment Act, together with the computation of assessments to be levied on the completed walks. Studies have been made, also lines and grades furnished for other walks and curbs constructed in the Town.

Engineering services supplied to other Town Departments include the assignment of house numbers to all new buildings, the checking of applications for building permits in regard to zoning and set-backs, the description and location of trees proposed to be removed and distances for the School Department from various schools to pupils' homes.

Information has been given title-examiners, engineers, surveyors and public utilities when requested, concerning street lines, sub-divisions, zoning, etc.

### Forestry Division

A report compiled from the survey of elm trees in the Town, as conducted by the ladies of the Needham Garden Club and submitted to the Superintendent, in duplicate, has been very helpful in the Division's efforts to combat the Dutch Elm Disease. The report specifically locates all elm trees on Town ways (1875) and 300 on private lands which should be protected.

A number of questionable trees were noted in the report. During the fall the Division obtained the services of an expert from the Shade Tree Disease Laboratory, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, who checked all Town trees with particular attention being given to those listed in the report from the Garden Club as diseased, for the purpose of determining whether or not any infestation of the Dutch Elm Disease was prevalent in Needham. Cards were received from the Laboratory, showing the location of two trees infected with the disease. Notices were immediately sent from this office, informing the owners that the deterioration would be rapid and the immediate removal of the trees was important for the safety of other elms in the vicinity. After removal and burning, the areas were again sprayed within a radius of 500 feet of the locations, in order to kill the borers that might carry the disease.

The spraying equipment of this Division is of the most modern kind, and applications, of which there were three this year, plus the kind of spray used, evidently have obtained satisfactory results. Many towns are losing more than two elms annually from this dreaded disease.

The maintenance work of this Division, which comprises general surgery work, tree trimming, moth suppression, care of Town Forest, tree planting, and roadside brush cutting, has been conducted as usual.

#### Sewer Division

The extensive sewer construction program started in 1947 has been carried on throughout 1948. The majority of the work has been carried on by contractors, who installed 13,537 feet of 8-inch, 5,356 feet of 12-inch and 33 feet of 15-inch vitrified clay gravity sewers and 4,568 feet of cast iron force main. Town forces installed 280 feet of 8-inch and 1,388 feet of 6-inch vitrified clay sewers, making a grand total of about 4 miles of gravity sewers constructed this year. Work under contracts 7 and 9 will be completed early in 1949.

Part of the storm sewer construction program was carried out in conjunction with the sanitary sewer construction program. The contractors installed 3,487 feet of 10, 12, 24 and 48-inch pipe and constructed 16 manholes and 27 catch basins as part of their contracts. Town forces installed 1,201 feet of 10-inch and 12-inch pipe and constructed 7 catch basins and 3 manholes, making a grand total of 4,688 linear feet of storm sewers constructed this year.

A total of 175 connections were made to houses during the year. This is an all-time high and is the result of the sewer extension program. A total of 9,768 feet of 5-inch pipe was installed and the costs were assessed to the applicants. Twenty-four stoppages, due mostly to root growths from nearby trees, were brought to the attention of the division during the year.

The systematic cleaning and flushing of all sanitary sewer mains was carried on as usual. The size of the system has increased now to a point requiring a maintenance crew to spend almost the entire time to prevent accumulation in pipes.

The cleaning of storm sewers has been taken care of as required. Defective catchbasins were rebuilt and new ones added where needed. The division lacks the proper equipment to economically clean storm sewers. The purchase of such equipment is recommended for 1949. All catch basins were systematically cleaned.

#### Water Division

The Water Division has been called upon to pump more water, extend and install more mains, and make more house connections than in any of the previous years.

The maximum daily pumping occurred August 27-2,229,100 gallons.

The maximum weekly pumping occurred August 22–28 — 13,353,600 gallons.

The average daily pumping was — 1,205,700 gallons.

The most important water main project, completed this year, was the replacement of the old 6-inch pipe line in Hillside Avenue with a new 12-inch water main, between Rosemary and West Streets. The replacement of this main has greatly increased the amount of water available for fire protection in this thickly settled industrial area.

The Division has installed 2.6 miles of water main.

The Division has connected 229 new house services, which is 17 more than the previous record last year.

The total miles of water mains is 73.8 miles.

The total miles of water services is 67.6 miles.

#### SUMMARY OF ALL EXPENDITURES

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	Appropriation	Expended	Balance						
Maintenance Salaries	\$156,828.20	\$150,895.15	\$5,933.05						
Maintenance Expenses	58,480.00	58,480.00							
Out of State	300.00	296.33	3.67						
Street Lights	26,650.00	26,650.00							
Snow and Ice Removal	47,500.00	*47,500.00							
Equipment Replacement	3,950 00	3,950.00							
Equipment — New	1,661.30	1,661.30							
Drain Construction	38,501.88	27,147.41	11,354.47						
Sidewalks	3,733.20	3,733.20							
Street Construction — Betterment									
Act	7,500.00	5,718.77	1,781.23						
Specific Repairs	2,000.00	2,000.00							
Sewer Construction	280,869.19	256,292.19	24,577.00						
Sewer House Connections	24,450.00	24,450.00							
Street Lighting — Private Ways	100.00	6.18	93.82						
Water Main Construction	78,533.33	78,533.22	.11						
New Addition to Pump House	9,451.37	3,707.92	5,743.45						
Mosquito Control	5,050 00	5,030.00	20.00						
Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,100.00	2,100.00							
Rosemary Beach	2,000.00	2,000.00							
Total	\$749,658.47	\$700,151.67	\$49,506.80						
*Overdraft		924.64							

### LAW DEPARTMENT-

HENRY W. HARDY, Town Counsel

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1944	0	\$2,225.00	\$1,948.03
1945	0	2,500.00	2,075.00
1946	0	2,850.00	2,256.67
1947	0	2,900.00	2,506.94
1948	0	3,050.00	2,892.80

A substantial amount of money has been recovered for the Town by way of reimbursement for Old Age Assistance payments. Two tax abatement cases, one before the Appellate Tax Board and one before the Norfolk County Commissioners, have been successfully defended.

On instruction of the Board of Selectmen, a petition for a writ of certiorari was instituted on behalf of the Town against the Norfolk County Commissioners seeking the quashing of all proceedings relating to the proposed widening of Highland Avenue. This case was tried in the Superior Court, where the position of the Town and of the intervening abutters was sustained. On appeal by the County Commissioners, the case was argued before the Supreme Judicial Court late in the year.

An organization in the Town brought petitions against the School Committee for writs to compel the Committee to grant the use of the Junior High School for an organizational activity. These actions were successfully resisted in the Superior Court.

The Town was represented in a Superior Court action brought by an asphalt mixing plant whose activities the Board of Selectmen had found detrimental to the best interests of the Town. A violation of the Zoning By-Law has been successfully prosecuted in the District Court.

During the year, the Town Counsel attended the meetings of the Board of Selectmen and rendered numerous legal opinions, both verbal and written, to that board and other boards and officers of the Town. He prepared various deeds, option agreements and leases in connection with Town business. He assisted in the preparation of the articles for the Annual Town Meeting and for four Special Town Meetings, and drew motions under these articles.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

THOMAS H. WELCH, Chief

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1944	20	\$62,423.56	\$53,019.19
1945	21	64,999.65	60,240.31
1946	21	67,390.18	63,471.43
1947	<b>2</b> 4	75,244.20	73,110.11
1948	24	83,642.40	83,096.91

The number of arrests during 1948 was less than in 1947 or 1946, but included arrests for some very serious felonies which required prosecution and resulted in convictions. The Department continued its policy of adjusting juvenile actions by means of an understanding and sympathetic police officer. It was therefore, unnecessary to make any juvenile arrests in 1948. There was a sharp increase in the number of warnings and recommendations to the Registry of Motor Vehicles for license suspensions as a result of traffic violations.

There were no deaths resulting from automobile accidents during 1948, but there was an increase in the number of personal injury and property damage accidents in part attributable to the severe storm conditions in the early part of the year. While those conditions existed, it was necessary to make many streets one-way and prohibit parking on almost all streets of the Town. In connection with those emergency arrangements, the Department made and installed more than three hundred and fifty "one-way" and "no parking" signs.

Traffic conditions the year round are becoming a serious problem. It is necessary at peak hours to keep three and sometimes four officers on duty in Needham square to take care of pedestrians and keep traffic moving.

The calls for Ambulance Service, over and above emergencies and accidents, have increased considerably. The ordinary call requires at least two officers, sometimes three and occasionally, four. An out-of-town call may take from one to three hours. In view of this, and the regular departmental duties, it will be necessary in the very near future to increase the Department's personnel and provide an additional motor vehicle that can be used as a stand-by ambulance.

The Department has continued to devote many man-hours to the protection of school crossings.

As in previous years, the Department has helped various local organizations that have no regular meeting places.



Fire Department Linem



### FIRE DEPARTMENT-

RICHARD M. SALAMONE, Chief

Employees				
	Permanent	Call	Budget	Expenditures
1944	16	18	\$58,762.26	\$57,143.74
1945	16	18	59,026.72	58,132.37
1946	20	18	73,848.30	70,306.68
1947	20	18	85,616.84	84,221.00
1948	26	18	105,661.24	104,671.81

The number of fires in 1948 were slightly less than in 1947. Mutual Aid was continued with the surrounding cities and towns.

New laws regarding permits for the storage of Liquefied Petroleum Gases are now in force. Permits for the amount of Liquid Petroleum Gas (Bottled Gases) to be stored on any premises must be obtained from Fire Headquarters.

The Town is still growing rapidly, therefore, the Department feels the following recommendations are in order:

- 1. Purchase of a new and additional Ladder Truck
- 2. Replacement of present Fire Alarm Truck
- 3. Purchase of a new and additional 750-Gallon Pump
- 4. Appointment of 4 more permanent men

The Town was fortunate in obtaining the services of an experienced lineman as a permanent member of the Fire Alarm Department. Since his appointment a good deal of the trouble the Department had been experiencing has been corrected. However, there is still much work to be done in connection with the fire alarm system such as replacing wire, installing new boxes and running new wire in locations that have built up, and general maintenance work.

The Fire Department at present has the following equipment: a ladder truck; a 1,000-gallon pump (in the Heights station); a 750-gallon pump; a 500-gallon pump; a brush fire truck; a jeep; fire alarm truck; Chief's car.

Fire drills were conducted at all the schools. The times and conditions were recorded and recommendations were made regarding same.

Periodic inspections were made throughout the year in all stores, factories, filling stations, schools, churches, rooming houses, G.I. village and convalescent homes.

The new men of the Department have been taken on a tour of inspection of schools, factories, stores, etc., so they will be thoroughly acquainted with existing conditions in case of fire.

The usual training drills were carried on during the year.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

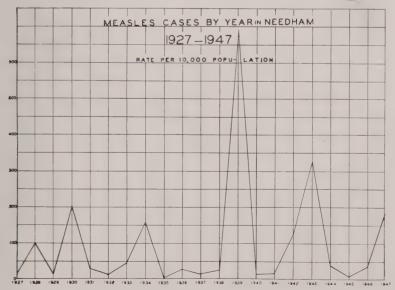
DAVID E. MANN, Chairman

LESLIE B.	CUTLER	KENNETH CHRISTOPHE, M.D., Secretary		
	Employees	Budget	Expenditures	
1944	5	\$15,644.48	\$15,644.48	
1945	5	28,252.88	25,098.23	
1946	5	28,599.26	25,923.78	
1947	6	20,701.19	18,485.50	
1948	4	23,497,19	23,296,26	

The mosquito control program continued with emphasis on adult mosquito abatement by routine aero-mist spraying using 5 per cent of D. D. T. Some permanent ditching was done, of limited amount due to labor difficulties. Although the present program has been fairly satisfactory, the Board is investigating the advantages of joining the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Program, a State sponsored activity.

The rabies immunization program showed an increased attendance of 10% but only 20% of licensed dogs were immunized. It is hoped that attendance will improve in future years as greater average is desirable.

The diphtheria program of past years has been very successful as shown by a recent survey of children entering Needham schools this fall. It was found that 96% of the children had been immunized. The Town has not had a case of diphtheria for some years, a result of education and vigilance.



During the fall of 1948 the Town experienced an epidemic of chicken pox with 568 cases reported up to the time of this report. In contrast the incidence of other communicable diseases was unusually low with the number of scarlet fever cases the lowest in twenty years with only four cases reported. There were no cases of infantile paralysis reported.

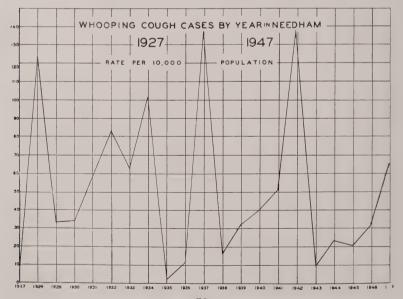
Due to the growth of the Town with the attendant increase in the number of food establishments of various descriptions, the work of the sanitary inspector has increased extensively. It should be noted that there are four milk pasteurizing plants, twenty food and beverage establishments, and a carbonated bevverage plant that require frequent periodic inspection to insure safe, sanitary conditions.

Garbage collection and disposal is becoming increasingly expensive. Rubbish disposal will soon be a problem as the Town dump will be filled within a short time. For this reason, it seems that the cost of building an incinerator should be investigated.

The Board recommends:

- 1. An increase in the appropriation to increase sanitary inspection services.
- 2. Development of plans for incinerator.

One change in personnel resulted due to the resignation of Mrs. Doris Barlow, a faithful, capable employee. Miss Virginia McClellan assumed the duties of clerk-technician on September 7.



### —GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL-

#### TRUSTEES

CYRIL N. ANGELL, Chairman	DAVID O'LEARY, JR., Vice-Chairman
ALLAN M. CATE	DAVID H. FINNIGAN
JOHN MacGREGOR	EUNICE H. MILLIKIN, Secretary
GEORGE A. POTTER	MARJORIE F. WILLIAMS
EDWARD J. STEWART	JOHN E. KLISH, Administrator

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures	Receipts
1944	25	\$62,368.24	\$60,862.79	\$48,081.71
1945	18	66,079.21	61,145.09	50,093.03
1946	25	73,422.07	66,220.35	55,130.76
1947	28	78,692.20	78,134.65	73,450.69
1948	31	96,159.42	94,021.18	79,626.35

The hope of the Trustees as expressed in their report for 1947 that the new hospital would be under construction prior to the submission of the report for the year 1948 has been realized. The contract for the new hospital was signed on June 10, 1948, ground was broken on July 14, and suitable Corner Stone Laying Exercises were held on July 21.

Construction has progressed most satisfactorily and it is expected that use of the new hospital will begin about April 1, 1949. Interference with the operation of the present hospital has been kept at a minimum through the joint efforts of the Building Committee and the Contractor.

Miss Helen I. Linnane, Superintendent of the Hospital for several years, requested and was granted a leave of absence to continue her studies. It is sincerely hoped that, upon completion of her course, Miss Linnane will return to Glover Memorial Hospital and take up the duties of Director of Nurses in the new institution. The loss of Miss Linnane for thirteen months presented the Trustees with a problem of replacement.

After considerable discussion it was decided to solve the immediate problem and plan for the future at the same time by employing an Administrator for the Hospital. The Trustees were fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. John E. Klish. Mr. Klish came with a background of many years experience in hospitals both in the nursing and administrating field. He has contributed much time and effort to the work of the Building Committee and has made many suggestions which will be of tremendous benefit to the hospital in years ahead.

The Trustees have met monthly throughout the year. The Executive Committee has met twice each month, once with the

Administrator and once with the Executive Committee of the Staff except for July and August when the Staff Executive Committee does not meet. Other Sub-Committees of the Trustees have carried out their functions in a timely and constructive manner.

Ever increasing costs brought about the need for increasing rates for services effective May 1, 1948. Further substantial increases must be made upon the opening of the new hospital if the instructions of the 1948 Annual Town Meeting to the effect that the hospital should be conducted as nearly as possible on a break even basis are followed. The Trustees will make every effort to carry out this wish of the Town and at the same time to keep its charges in line with the charges for similar services in hospitals in the immediate area.

Preparation of the budget for the year 1949 presented the Trustees with a most difficult problem. In the first place the Building Committee has advised that the Trustees shall have to plan to move into the new quarters about April 1, 1949. The Trustees feel that the best plan is to open with services on one floor only for the first month. It is hoped the demand for facilities will permit the opening of the second floor May 1 and the third floor September 1, 1949.

The budget has been prepared in accordance with this plan. Some of the new positions called for by the new hospital cannot be filled at this time and it is quite uncertain just what salaries will be necessary to obtain the required personnel. The base salary figures for each position are based upon the salaries paid by similar institutions in this area and are salaries which the Trustees believe will attract employees to Needham.

A new contract with the Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc. (Blue Cross) was signed effective May 1, 1948. This contract is somewhat more favorable to Needham from the financial angle than the former contract. Under the former contract the Blue Cross found themselves in a financial position where it became necessary to withhold ten per cent of the amounts due the hospitals. This procedure continued for several months but during 1948 they were able to start repaying the hospitals this ten per cent, making payment for one month's withholding monthly.

The Blue Cross payment to hospitals for other than bed and board has been based upon a classification of hospitals which has been unfavorable to Needham (Class 3), and to other hospitals

classified as our institution has been. The classification of the hospital members has been on the following basis:

- Class 1. Hospitals approved by the American College of Surgeons with resident physicians.
- Class 2. Hospitals approved by the American College of Surgeons without resident physicians.
- Class 3. All other hospitals.

Payments have been made at the rates of \$4.25, \$3.50, and \$2.50 per day for thirty days and at one-half those amounts for an additional ninety days for the respective classes of hospitals. The Trustees feel that such classifications are unjustified for this purpose and that they should be terminated at the earliest possible moment. This feeling or opinion has been transmitted to the Blue Cross.

The following statistical information is given so the citizens of Needham may be familiar with the tremendous amount of service that is being rendered and may thereby be better able to appreciate the amount of service that the new hospital will make possible.

#### **CENSUS 1948**

Number of Patients Admitted	731
Number of Discharges	704
Number of Patient Days (Adult)	5,679
Number of Patient Days (Infant)	1,563
Average stay in Hospital	8.1
Average Number of Patients per day	15.6
Number of Births	181
Number of Caesarean Sections	5
Number of Infant Deaths	2
Number of Stillborns	1
Number of Maternity Deaths	0
Number of Adult Deaths (In-Patients)	15
Number of Adult Deaths (Out-Patients)	2
Number of Medical Cases	139
Number of Surgical Operations (Major)	138
Number of Surgical Operations (Minor)	340
Number of Accidents — Included in the Out-Patient Count	118
Number of Out-Patients	314
Number of X-Rays	1,012
Number of Lab. Tests — (In-Patients)	4,652
Number of Lab. Tests — (Out-Patients)	3,559
Number of New Employees (Nurses)	11
Number of Resignees (Nurses)	9
Number of Nurses Employed to Date	17

### -HOSPITAL BUILDING COMMITTEE-

RUSSELL J. RICE, Chairman

CARLETON D. MORSE, Secretary SAMUEL S. HALL, JR. EDWIN W. L. PAGE KENNETH CHRISTOPHE, M.D. ROBERT N. McCLELLAN EDWARD J. STEWART

Following the vote of the December, 1947, Special Town Meeting, the Committee made formal application for federal funds. Under Public Law 725, the Town will receive from the Federal Government approximately one-third of the total cost of the alteration of the existing Glover Memorial Hospital building and constructing and equipping the addition.

Bids from general contractors were received by the Committee April 23, 1948, and were all finally rejected on advice of the State Commissioner of Public Health, due to irregularities. The job was readvertised and on May 21 the Rugo Construction Company, as low bidder, was selected. On July 21 the cornerstone of the new hospital was laid with appropriate ceremony.

The Committee has purchased most of the equipment and furnishings for the new hospital including X-Ray machine, laundry and laboratory equipment, electrical fixtures, furniture and the many other items needed to equip a modern hospital. Special wall coverings will be used in the patients' rooms and hospital corridors which are designed for maintaining highest standards of cleanliness and low maintenance cost.

It has been the policy of the Committee to consider carefully all types and makes of equipment and to ask for competitive bids when more than one reputable manufacturer's product was available. The new Glover Memorial Hospital with 65 total beds will provide patients with the most modern hospital facilities, approved by medical and hospital authorities, and with separate medical, surgical and obstetrical services.

### INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

#### INSPECTORS

CLYDE E. COOKSON, Electrical FRED E. COOKSON, Plumbing EDWIN D. KEYES, Building

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures	Fees Collected
1944	0	\$6,175.52	\$6,169.97	\$950.25
1945	0	6,582.56	6,560.45	1,388.75
1946	0	7,316.43	7,140.73	5,263.25
1947	0	8,389.86	8,386.65	6,163.75
1948	0	8,763.51	8,641.03	6,944.00

The total of all construction projects active during the year reached an all time high valuation of just over three million dollars.

To perform its duties of maintaining the construction standards of the Building By-Laws the department issued 1,629 permits and made 3,500 inspections.

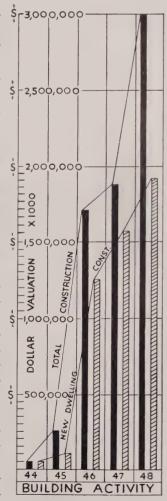
The functions of the department are initiated for each project with a study of plans and specifications, as submitted, in the separate categories of building construction, plumbing and electrical wiring. When acceptable, permits are issued with approval of Engineering and Public Works.

Building, plumbing and wiring repairs and extensions require the same attention as new contraction.

Inspections are made at appropriate intervals during progress of construction to assure against faulty or unsafe structural materials or methods.

Fees are collected in proportion to size and complexity of the construction project. Collections make the department largely self-supporting.

In actual fact the Inspection Department provides a group of con-



struction experts who serve to protect the interests of the property owner with respect to dollar value and safety. These interests are further served by periodic re-inspection of old properties and recommendations for elimination of life and fire hazards. The effectiveness of the department is determined by the number of man-hours available for field work — the addition of a clerk to cover routine office duties is an urgent and justifiable need.

### -VETERANS' EMERGENCY HOUSING-

JOHN B. MOSELEY, Chairman

NICHOLAS A. O'BRIEN, JR., Secretary
RAYMOND L. BOND
A. STERLING HOLT
GUY S. LANGSTROTH
ARNOLD MACKINTOSH
BENJAMIN Y. PIPER

#### HAROLD PUTNAM

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1947	0	\$3,495.76	\$2,379.64
1948		1,000.00	1,000.00

The Norris Village veterans' housing project of 24 apartments remains the only emergency housing in the Town available at this time. From the opening of the project in September, 1946, until the end of 1947, only a single vacancy occurred. But during 1948, six families have moved away, leaving vacancies for six new families.

For each of the six desperate cases accommodated during the past year, however, the Committee has ten additional applications in its files — almost as deserving as the successful families.

The project has now lived through about half its expected lifetime, without new expense to the Town in recent years and bringing a considerable measure of relief to those families most desperately in need of housing. During the worst days of winter, some apartments have been cold. The Committee has tried to relieve this situation by purchasing additional storm windows and larger oil burners.

#### VETERANS' SERVICES

FRANCIS J. STANWOOD, Agent

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1944	2	\$29,202.42	\$27,318.33
1945	2	32,290.00	22,543.51
1946	2	29,761.55	18,790.98
1947	2	24,115.69	21,122.85
1948	2	25,172.14	23,127.46

Medical bills were far less in 1948 than was anticipated, which accounts for the relatively small outlay for relief. There was no general business recession last year. The budget for 1949 anticipates a similar situation. Should a general business recession occur the expense of the Veterans' Services Department would rise immediately.

The Department continues to have quarters in the Police Building, and again recommends return to the Town Hall.

The work of this department is divided into two sections, namely "Veterans' Benefits" and secondly, "Veterans' Services". The relative case-load is divided presently 12 to 1, that is, 12 cases for counsel for Veterans' Services to 1 for Veterans' Benefits.

The Department is in accord with a proposal, for which a bill has been filed for legislative action in 1949, which would reestablish "Home Rule" for municipalities in substantially the status which existed prior to January 1, 1947. Chiefly, this bill seeks to amend Chapter 584, effective since January 1, 1947.

Duties of the Department are: State — Administration of all activities of many laws, but chiefly Chapter 115, Chapter 584 and Chapter 11; Federal — Assistance to qualified veterans and their dependents under a large number of U. S. Government laws and regulations.

During the year many changes in regulations were made by both the State and Federal governments, including an increase in State budgets effective October 1, and increases in pensions and compensations by the Veterans Administration in certain service connected cases.

The Veterans' Services Department serves veterans of all wars and their dependents. Many persons have the mistaken impression that the Department serves only World War II veterans.

The Red Cross and Salvation Army have continued to cooperate in many cases which are not eligible for Veterans' Benefits.

## -NEEDHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY-

JOHN B. MOSELEY, Chairman

GUY S. LANGSTROTH, Vice-Chairman HAROLD PUTNAM, Secretary WILBAR WHITTEMORE, Treasurer
JAMES H. NOONAN, Assistant Treasurer

The Needham Housing Authority was born at a special Town Meeting May 7, 1948, Town meeting members voting unanimously to create an independent public agency to take advantage of the provisions of Chapter 200, the new State Housing Act.

The Selectmen appointed four members to serve until the next annual Town election. The Chairman of the State Housing Board appointed the fifth member, who serves a three-year term.

The Authority was granted office space on the second floor of the police station, and engaged an office secretary. The same office serves the Needham Veterans' Emergency Housing Committee — a co-ordination of the two programs which may soon be directed by law.

To ascertain the need for housing within the Town, the Authority sent questionnaires to every veteran. There are 308 replies now on file with the Authority — most of them indicating a desperate need of a better place to live.

The Authority has been meeting weekly since early June, completing the forms and surveys and investigations and legal work basic to the launching of an \$872,000 building program in 1949.

The firm of Emery-Wait Associates has been engaged as architects. They have completed sample drawings of two basic houses, acceptable to both the local Authority and the State Board, and are now working on final plans for 10 types of homes.

Three possible sites were submitted to the State Board for approval. It was agreed the High Rock site was the most desirable, and the 32 acres have now been purchased for \$12,000.

The site plan divides the wooded hillside into at least 75 usable lots, each at least 10,000 square feet, and leaves what will become a wooded "greenbelt" of park land along the ledge bordering the railroad tracks near Needham Junction.

The Authority is gratified that the Needham project is one of the first to be approved under Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948. It is the first project approved that calls for single-family homes. The Authority has been insistent that in our Town these would be no more expensive to build or maintain than multiple dwellings.

The contract with the State calls for a total outlay of \$872,000. Construction will go ahead as soon as weather permits.

Sixth per cent of the homes will have three bedrooms; the remaining forty per cent two bedrooms. Each will be completely modern, with radiant hot-water heat and electric stoves. Rent is expected to be about \$35 a month. An estimated \$17 per month additional will provide heat, water and electricity.

Artist's Conception of New Development



## MEMORIAL PARK TRUSTEES

T. J. CROSSMAN, Chairman JAMES H. WHETTON AMOS H. SHEPHERDSON P. BERNHARDT RICHWAGEN

#### SAMUEL LOW

	Budget and		
	Employees	Special Articles	Expenditures
1944	2	\$2,503.47	<b>\$2,</b> 503.47
1945	3	16,825.71	15,529.52
1946	3	13,442.69	8,778.80
1947	1 Perm., 6 Temp.	$5,\!520.72$	5,413.86
1948	1 Perm., 1 Temp.	8,325.72	8,241.13

New portable bleachers seating 1,520 persons were erected in time for use during the football season and have proven satisfactory. As directed by the vote of the 1948 Town Meeting, organizations other than the schools were charged for the use of the bleachers and a sum of \$51.34 was paid to the Town Treasurer by Needham Post 14, American Legion, sponsors of the Town football team.

A Gibson tractor, Worthington 3-gang mower unit, dump trailer and roller have meant more efficient care of the fields without increase in extra labor costs. A serious infestation of Japanese beetle appeared in August and the Forestry Department was asked to apply the necessary treatment.

The backstop on the secondary baseball field was raised 12 feet so fewer baseballs would go into the abutters' property. The jumping pits and shot put area were moved from the end zone of the football field to outside the track in the scuthwest corner of the park, so that the playing area of the football field is entirely outside the base paths of the diamond. New wooden front steps were built on the Legion House to replace the unsatisfactory brick ones.

From early spring until late fall, the two baseball fields, the two football fields, the quarter-mile cinder track have been in constant use by the High School, the Junior High School, Town Recreation units, the C. Y. O. baseball team, the American Legion baseball team and the American Legion sponsored Town Football team. The Legion held its annual Carnival and Needham Circle of the Florence Crittenton League held its annual Country Fair on the Park grounds.

Needham Post 14, American Legion, opened its home to the Needham Visiting Nurse Association for its weekly Well Baby Conference, also for meetings of Boy and Girl Scout troops and other civic organizations.

Mr. Harold Pike continued as caretaker and supervisor of the Park. The excellent condition of this Needham Memorial speaks of his ability and interest.

Richwagen and Sons continued in 1948 their annual custom of supplying the Canna bulbs and flowers for the circle without charge to the Town.

Aerial View of Memorial Park



#### PUBLIC WELFARE

#### WILLIAM A. MANN, Chairman

MEYER J. GORDON EARL ALBAN LIVINGSTON H. LOMAS CATHERINE L. LARSON

	Employees		Budget	Expenditures
1944	3		\$75,217.24	
1944	3		75,217.24	\$56,744.76
		U. S. Grant	24,384.88	24,384.88
1945	3 .		65,210.33	54,242.87
		U. S. Grant	24,812.56	24,812.56
1946	3		66,089.02	59,379.83
		U. S. Grant	25,799.75	25,799.75
1947	4		70,781.09	61,562.83
		U. S. Grant	34,062.50	34,062.50
1948	4		123,034.20	114,340.82
		U. S. Grant	37,279.32	37,279.32

Public welfare is something more than a low level relief program.

Believing in the "dignity of the individual," the Department has also considered the dignity of the people administering the program. To that end, within the past two years (the Federal Government standing approximately one-half its cost) the sunless, damp basement quarters in Town Hall have been transformed, by taking down partitions, installing new counters, files, desks, tables and equipment, improving ventilation, heating and lighting, and adding pictures to the brick walls, all of which has affected and influenced the morale of the staff.

A decent place in which to work, in attractive, homelike quarters, helps make the Department more effective and efficient. It is just "good business" to provide suitable working conditions, and the Department's office today is a reflection of its attitudes, program and role in the community.

While the average public assistance payments seem comparatively larger now than before the war, inflation in the costs of the basic necessities of life have offset these increases. Thus, while expenditures for assistance may be larger in dollars, the amount of goods and necessities these dollars will purchase is not even as great as before the war.

The emphasis of public welfare has changed from relief to service. It is no longer the simple task of establishing eligibility for a check, or taking a child to the clinic. Public welfare is bigger than that. We help people now, not so much with



New Public Welfare Office

money, as with every day living. These services include counselling; suggestions as to nutrition; special diets and their cost; dental, optical or medical treatment by their physician of choice; psychological treatment, as well as preventative treatment in chronic cases; court attendance in marital difficulties or desertion, etc.; checking school attendance and health records on children; opportunities for youth and children attendance at summer camps; and many other helps or suggestions connected with private home life of both adults and children, as may be requested of this Department.

The primary purpose in the Department's A D C program is to preserve the child's need and right to grow up in his own home. It follows therefore that every effort is directed toward holding the family together. It is imperative that our concern is toward those services that strengthen family life, and it is a primary function to provide casework service for the child to prevent the breakdown of his home.

Again this Department calls attention of our townspeople to the crying need for housing facilities for the convalescent care of the infirm or chronically ill, and for older persons.

Dependent Aid totalled 22 persons (all unemployables). Relief under the laws relating to Aid to Dependent Children totalled 38 persons. Old Age Assistance totalled 133 persons. Assisted in all categories of relief 167 cases, for 193 persons.

During 1948, we have lost by death or transfer 24. We received and investigated 53 new applications, of which 17 were rejected as ineligible.

The total of U. S. Grants, as above, (\$37,279.32), has been received by the Town Treasurer, and held for use by this Department only for Assistance and Administration of the two categories, Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children. Administration includes — salaries — expenses, office furnishings and equipment.

The 1948 budget as voted by the Town Meeting was as follows: —

Dependent Aid (General Relief)	\$10,800.00
Old Age Assistance	14,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	51,500.00
Salaries	7,479.88
Expenses	1,475.00

During the year the State Department required change from in arrears to advance on Assistance payments, and an increase in individual budgets was effective in October, so that we were obliged to request additional appropriation at Special Town Meeting, or \$2,500 for Aid to Dependent Children, and \$7,500 for Old Age Assistance. Expenditures authorized in 1948 by the Board were as follows:

	Expended	Fed. Grant	Net	State & other Reimbursements	Final Net
D A	\$10,370.66		\$10,370.66	5 \$3,645.05	\$6,725.61
A D C					
O A A	79,257.78	10,370.66	48,571.27	33,591.82	14,979.45
Expenses				l	1,169.51
Salaries	8,023.65	2,760.22	5,263.43	3	5,263.43

In addition to Federal Grants, the Department is also reimbursed in all three categories by the State; by other cities and towns; and by individuals and recoveries as follows:

Received from State	\$38,030.37	
Other Cities and Towns	3,261.39	
Individuals	674.75	
Total		\$41,966.51

In addition to above statistics as to caseloads in the above categories, we have listed such items on Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children, (extra to the individual, budgets) as payments to —

Physicians of clients' choice	\$3,871.50
For medicines and prescriptions	2,196.01
Nursing Home Costs	13,023.55
Hospitals	2,814.50
X-Ray, clinical of special treatments	359.96
Optical and dental care	434.45
Total	\$22,699.97

The Town is reimbursed by the Federal Government for administration and assistance, which includes salaries, equipment, office furnishings, and expenses —

50% of amount applicable to O A A

50% of amount applicable to A D C

And is further reimbursed by the State -

 $\frac{2}{3}$  of balance after deducting Federal Grants on O A A

 $\frac{1}{3}$  of net amount subject to State Reimbursement on A D C

The Town has therefore, been reimbursed for Assistance and Administration, from all sources, a total amount of \$79,245.83.

The total reimbursement to the Town for the Administration of the Department, *plus* unexpended balances, \$8,717.98, making a grand total of \$87,963.81 against our total expenditures of \$114,316.22 shows that this Department is operating at a very small net cost to the Town, \$26,352.41.

After several years of being shorthanded in the staff, the Department has only recently been able to secure the services of two trained and experienced employees and hopes to retain them as social worker and senior clerk.

The daily decisions made by public welfare workers have far reaching effects on the welfare of the community, and the Department's personnel and efficiency has saved thousands of dollars to the Town.

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

ALAN H. McINTOSH, Chairman

BEATRICE A. WOOD, Vice-Chairman HELEN B. RICHWAGEN, Sec. EDWARD M. WAINWRIGHT, From School Committee P. BERNARD RICHWAGEN, From Memorial Park Trustees

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1944		\$21,860.00	\$12,155.90
1945	30	7,300.00	6,338.20
1946	32	9,820.30	9,092.63
1947	48	15,135.69	14,887.63
1948	45	14,245.54	13,793.44

Recreation in the Town of Needham during 1948 not only maintained its all-time high achievements of 1947 but the interest and participation in activities and leagues surpassed those of the previous year.

Summer supervision was provided during 1948 on six play-grounds with a program of sports, games, crafts and special event days. Directors on many of the playgrounds set aside certain days for trips to Rosemary Beach for swimming and picnics. Rosemary was especially popular with its "learn-to-swim" program, water ballads and inter-playground swimming meets. Trips to baseball games as guests of the Braves and Red Sox were made several times during the summer.

Hallowe'en parties, the Department's largest and for several years most successful Town-wide activity, were even better planned and managed than in previous years. Pre-school children were allowed to attend for the first time, and afternoon parties were planned for the kindergarten and first and second graders in all the elementary schools. The parents' and mothers' clubs and teachers conducted evening parties in the elementary schools, the Junior High Student Council and an adult steering committee in the Junior High School, and the Youth Canteen at the Senior High School.

About two thousand were expected but 2,700 were in attendance at the parties. This is an activity that could not be undertaken without the help of many parents from every part of Town.

Through the cooperation of the School Committee, the Department has used three school buildings for 12 sessions a week during the winter months, and four schools throughout the summer for morning and afternoon playground areas.

There has been a demand for a longer playground and beach season. The Department welcomes this interest on the part of

parents anxious for their children to have the advantage of wholesome play with competent leadership. The Department still is in need of more mature and experienced directors. This, of course, means a higher rate of pay.

#### RECREATION CLUBS

Needham Youth Canteen Needham Badminton Club Needham Choral Group Needham Orchestral Group Needham Rod and Reel Club North Needham Cub Scouts North Needham Senior Boys Club North Needham Junior Boys Club North Needham Girls Club All All Morth Needham Women's Club North Needham Men's Clubs

#### LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS

Baseball
Senior Boys
Junior Boys
American Legion
C.Y.O.

Basketball
Senior Boys
Junior Boys
Midget Boys
American Legion

Softball
Midget Boys
Girls
Senior Men

#### RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Apparatus (Gym) Baseball Basketball Bat Ball Bathing Bean-bag Games Captain Ball Checkers Chess Coasting Costume Making Dodge Ball Dominoes
Fist Ball
Folk Dancing
Football
Furniture Repair
Handicraft
Hiking
Horse Shoes
Ice Hockey
Knitting
Life Saving

Marbles
Paddle Tennis
Pageantry
Paper Cutting
Parchesi
Picnics
Puzzles
Quoits
Sand Box Play
Scouting
Sewing

Skiing, Skating Sliding Social Dancing Story Telling Swimming Tobogganing Touch Ball Wood Craft Wood Working Wrestling Volley Ball

Summer Playground Activity



## PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### DR. HARRY W. KIMBALL, Chairman

MARION L. JOHNSON	LAURA G. WILLGOOSE
ARTHUR L. KING	HELEN N. EASTMAN
FRED G. ATCHINSON	CHARLOTTE GIDLEY, Librarian

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1944	7	\$16,420.08	\$16,604.25
1945	7	17,969.90	18,127.42
1946	8	29,680.01	23,322.22
1947	8	31,638.72	30,499.94
1948	8	29,570.91	28,014.85

In September, the filling of the position of Assistant Librarian with Miss Elizabeth Phelan, formerly with the South Providence Branch Library, marked the first time in over a year that there were no vacancies on the Library staff. Most of 1948 had been a struggle by too few librarians to do the ever increasing work of supplying books and other materials for recreational reading and reference use to a rapidly expanding community. 5,549 more books were circulated in 1948 than in 1947, and 1,011 new borrowers were registered — all eager to avail themselves of Library services, not the supplying of books alone, but also of maps, magazines, pamphlets, and pictures, the making of book-lists for individuals and club groups, the answering of reference questions, the borrowing of books from other libraries, etc.

The many newcomers to Needham are invariably impressed by the attractive appearance of the Public Library. The Trustees have always endeavored to maintain the building in pleasing, sound condition. In 1948, considerable re-painting restored the freshness of the interior of the Library, a metal door was installed at the entrance to the Children's Room, and the gutter linings and valleys on the roof were completely replaced.

The Needham Square Branch Library also reports a gain of book circulations over the previous year. Stacks were rearranged and added to for the accommodation of more books, and the lighting improved for the benefit of Branch users.

The Library, like the schools, is an educational institution and always cooperates closely with the schools. Since none of the latter has a trained librarian or ample books for reference use, the Public Library should and does furnish books and help to Needham students. The Librarian addressed teachers in Junior and Senior High Schools in the fall urging them to let the



 $Needham\ Public\ Library$ 

the fullest and fairest use of library books. She also urged teachers to suggest books for library purchase in their particular fields. The Assistant Librarian has taken over English classes in the Junior High School to teach pupils of the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades use of the Library and basic reference books. The Children's Librarian takes care of the book needs of the lower grades, furnishing to them frequent book deposits for class-room use.

The Needham Public Library was honored in 1948 with its inclusion in a series describing unusual libraries in the Library Journal, national professional magazine. The Library was pictured, and its history and accomplishments told.

#### TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

DR. J. WALTER SCHIRMER, Chairman
LESTER C. HOLLIS, Secretary
R. DOUGLAS LOWDEN

At the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1948, the Town voted to accept the gift of about 42½ acres of land adjoining High Rock Woods to be permanently used as a Town Forest and as a bird and wild life sanctuary, thus making a total of 106 acres as a permanent forest area.

In addition to the section known as High Rock Woods, the Town owns more than sixty acres of land adjoining the water pumping station off Charles River Street, also designated as a Town Forest. On this land was planted some years ago 25,000 red pine seedling trees. They are in excellent condition and from five to eight feet in height at this time, making a valuable addition to the Town-owned forest lands.

At this annual meeting, the Town further voted to accept the offer of \$500 for the development of this forest, plus \$500 voted by the Town as a condition of the gift.

 $High\ Rock$ 

(Photo by Laurence T. Welsh)



The Selectmen appointed R. Douglas Lowden, Lester C. Hollis and Dr. J. Walter Schirmer to serve as members of the Town Forest Committee for terms of one, two and three years, respectively. It was voted the initial development of this forest begin in the area just off High Rock Street and extending southerly to the Rock.

As soon as the leaves had fallen, the services of a crew of trained treemen were engaged on an hourly basis to remove dead and undesirable trees, trim lower branches and cut out underlying brush. Press notices were published announcing the availability of felled trees for fireplace and stove wood. The main purpose of this initial clearing was to make this area suitable for recreational purposes, in addition to promoting better tree growth.

The Needham Rotary Club has agreed to erect one or more stone fireplaces with outdoor cooking facilities. Many towns have already provided such facilities. It is hoped that other organizations in Needham will provide similar conveniences in cooperation with the Committee.

High Rock is now plainly visible from the road and the fine view afforded from its summit is daily attracting an increasing number of visitors.

With the aid of the New England Forestry Foundation and the Massachusetts Forest and Park Association, the Committee secured an expert forester who made a survey of the entire forest and rendered a report covering suggestions for future tree planting and other developments.

In years past, this area when privately owned, was repeatedly cut for timber, and the remains of several wood roads are in evidence and can be easily cleared and made available for access for fire apparatus and for both summer and winter tramping, nature study, wild life photography and other outdoor recreation for people of all ages.

It is agreed by the Committee that Needham is fortunate in having such a fine area, within convenient walking distance of the Town Hall and several schools. As Needham continues its growth, it is well within the range of probability that before many years the Town Forest will be entirely surrounded by dwellings, schools, etc., and taxable values will be greatly enhanced by the existence of a well maintained Town Forest. In years to come revenue from cutting excess lumber will accrue to the Town. A wise community should invest liberally in the development of a permanent Town Forest.

## -TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR-

ARNOLD MACKINTOSH, Treasurer and Tax Collector

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1944	2	\$8,252.00	\$8,122.99
1945	2	8,843.33	8,398.53
1946	2	9,254.00	9,091.36
1947	2	9,801.30	9,646.71
1948	2	10,568.80	10,530.29

It is well known that the Town of Needham is growing rapidly as is evidenced by the increase in total valuation shown in the report of the Board of Assessors. However, taxes on new property are not sufficient to keep pace with growing expenses as voted at Town Meetings, therefore, a higher tax rate is necessary. Capital expenditures, not chargeable to taxes for the current year, have called for additional borrowing (\$200,000 for sewers in 1948) so that the total debt as of December 31, 1948, is \$986,500. The maximum amount a town can borrow is fixed by law and on January 1, 1949, Needham's debt limit was \$1,610,138.

Payments for debt service which must be appropriated in 1919 include \$101,500 for principal and \$15,962 for interest or over \$3.50 per \$1,000 of valuation in the tax rate.

For comparison, it might be of interest to note that on December 31, 1945, the total debt was \$158,000 and principal and interest payments for 1945 were \$33,862.

The number of tax titles held by the Town remains at six (6) the same as last year, 3 having been paid and 3 added in 1948 for non-payment of 1947 taxes. The balance of the tax title account on December 31, 1948, was \$754.06.

No taxes prior to 1948 remain unpaid and Poll Taxes for 1948 have been collected in full.

### TOWN ACCOUNTANT

MELVILLE W. GRANT, Town Accountant

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1944	2	\$5,970.60	\$5,896.20
1945	2	6,274.20	6,250.51
1946	2	6,774.02	6,759.59
1947	2	7,540.00	7,538.04
1948	2	8,346.70	8,326.67

In accordance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, the following reports are submitted. All reports are arranged in accordance with the classifications prescribed by the Director of Accounts.

A detailed report of the expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1948, is on file with the Board of Selectmen.

DEBT STATEMENT

Also Amounts Due from Principals and Interest During Year 1949

	Outstanding	Paid in	Outstanding	Principal	Interest
	Dec. 31, 1947	1948	Dec. 31, 1948	Due in 1949	Due in 1949
Elementary School	\$9,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$191.25
New High School 1929	45,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00	15,000.00	900.00
Hospital Addition 1947	500,000.00	25,000.00	475,000.00	25,000.00	7,125.00
Sewer Construction 1924	40,000.00	5,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00	1,300.00
Sewer Construction 1941*	10,000.00	2,500.00	7,500.00	2,500.00	78.12
Sewer Construction 1946*	12,000.00	3,000.00	9,000.00	3,000.00	90.00
Sewer Construction 1947*	195,000.00	20,000.00	175,000.00	20,000.00	2,187.50
Sewer Construction 1948			200,000.00	20,000.00	3,500.00
Streets Construction 1946	45,000.00	5,000.00	40,000.00	5,000.00	500.00
Veterans' Housing 1946	12,000.00	3,000.00	9,000.00	3,000.00	90.00
	\$868,000,00	\$81,500,00	\$986,500.00	\$101.500.00	\$15.961.87

Payable from Sewer Construction Reserve.

## -WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM-

Cash on Hand January 1, 1948	\$865,843.50
General Revenue:	
Taxes 1947 1948	
Poll	
Personal	
Real	
\$33,286.78 \$1,122,790.63 From State	1,156,077.41
Corporation, \$87,166.78 — Income Tax, \$114,464.23 .	201,631.01
Special Assessments:	
Added to Tax Bills \$73,380.76	
Motor Vehicle Excise	
Sewer	
Sewer House Connections	
Street 6,084.74	
Paid in Advance — Sewer, Sewer House Connections and	86,225.62
Streets	55,428.26
Court Fines — District Court, North Norfolk	140.00
Permits and Licenses	724.25
Taxes on Land for Water Purposes — Commonwealth,	
Brookline, Newton, Wellesley	1,708.88
Grants and Gifts — from	
County — Dog and Highway Fund, Chapter 90 Federal Government — Aid Dependent Children, Old	3,404.28
Age, Hospital Construction	132,040.69
State — Adult Civic Education, Highway (Chapter 90),	
Meal Tax	2,975.10
J. Walter Schirmer Fund	500.00
John B. Tolman	70,000.00
Departmental Receipts:	3# 00
Dog Officer — Unclaimed Dogs	15.00
X-Rays, etc	79,626.33
Health	1,535.46
Inspection — Fees — Building, Gas, Plumbing, Wiring,	
etc	6,965.50
Library — Fines, Lost Books, Sale of Waste Paper	1,408.22
Memorial Park — Rental of Bleacher Seats	51.34
Needham Building Board of Appeal — Hearing Costs	97.20
Needham Veterans' Emergency Housing — Furniture Allowance, Ground Rental, Payments in Lieu of	
Taxes, Rents, Security Deposits	10,083.00
Needham Zoning Board of Appeal — Hearing Costs Police — Ambulance Services, Bicycle Fees, Revolver	99.20
Permits	955.50

Public Works — Rental of Equipment, Permits, etc Recreation — Rosemary Beach Fees, Playground Re-	\$1,033.25
ceipts	1,174.37
Breakage Chemistry Laboratory	33.50
Manual Training Receipts	141.68
Reimbursement, Cafeteria	3,958.51
Rental Junior High Auditorium	90,00
Telephone Receipts and Use of Green's Field	83.75
Tuition from State	2,256,94
Sealer of Weights and Measures — Fees	146.21
Selectmen — Sale of Town By-Laws	4.50
Town Clerk — Permits, Certificates, Licenses and Fees.	4,847.85
Town Hall and Grounds — Rental of Town Hall and	2,027100
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,030.61
Treasurer and Tax Collector — Tax Titles, Sale of Land,	_,
Tax Certificates	1,630.63
Veterans' Services — Benefits	7,226.41
Water — Rates, Repairs, New Services, Connections	
and Liens	102,408.35
Welfare:	
Receipts from State \$38,030.37	
Receipts from Cities and Towns 3,261.39	
Receipts from Individuals 3,677.75	
Municipal Indebtedness:	44,969.51
Sewer Construction Loan 1948 — Premium and Interest	201,447.72
Bonds Matured:	ZOI,TTI.IZ
U. S. Treasury Bills (Hospital — New Addition)	997,545,21
Interest and Costs:	<i>&gt;&gt;</i> • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Betterments, Sewer House Connections, Sidewalk and	
Street	3,255.42
Motor Vehicle Excise	33.15
Poll, Personal and Real	905.39
Tax Title	31.36
Hospital — New Addition	2,454.79
War Salvage Fund	83.40
Costs — Poll, Personal and Real, Motor Vehicle Excise	503.45
Income from Trust Funds	2,266.23
Refunds	1,391.11
Tailings — Lost Checks	40.00
Withholding Taxes — Withheld from Employees by Treasurer	85,152.15
	\$4,143,681.30

# -WHERE THE MONEY WENT-

C I C	
General Government: Selectmen — Salaries, Expenses, Town Meetings	\$3,259.89
Treasurer and Tax Collector — Salaries, Expenses, Bonds	ψυ,209.09
and Tax Title Expenses	10,530.29
Accountant — Salaries and Expenses	8,326.67
Town Clerk — Salaries, Expenses and Fees	6,128.30
Assessors — Salaries, Expenses, Card System, Equipment	13,015.46
Legal — Salaries, Expenses and Damages	2,892.80
Election and Registration—Salaries, Expenses and Tellers	7,524.00
Finance Committee — Salaries and Expenses	971.20
Planning Board — Salaries and Expenses	650.58
Town Hall and Grounds — Salaries and Maintenance	12,213.67
Building Board of Appeal — Salaries and Expenses	143.71
Zoning Board of Appeal — Salaries and Expenses	205.65
Protection of Persons and Property; Police Salaries	
Expenses	
New Equipment	83,096.91
Fire:	05,090.91
Salaries	
Expenses	
New Equipment	
Tow Equipment	96,687.94
Architect Plans	70,001.71
Construction New Station 67,139.89	
New Equipment	
	73,635.13
Fire Alarm — Salaries and Maintenance	7,633.58
Forest Warden — Service, Maintenance and Forest Patrol	350.29
Inspection — Salaries, Expenses and Transportation	8,641.03
Animal Inspector — Salary and Transportation	562.50
Dog Officer — Salary	875.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures — Salaries, Expenses	
and Transportation	1,332.40
Health and Sanitation:	
Salaries and Expenses	7,250.66
Hospitalization	3,615.60
Garbage Removal	7,400.00
Mosquito Control — Equipment and Travel	5,030.00
Public Works:	
Salaries, Wages and Maintenance Expenses	209,375.15
Equipment — Additional	1,661.30
Equipment — Replacement	3,950.00
Highway Alteration and Road Maintenance (Chap. 90)	4,100.00
Rosemary Beach and Lake Maintenance	2,000.00
Sidewalk Construction — Betterments	3,733.20
Snow Removal	48,424.64
Street Construction	5,718.77

Street Lighting	\$26,650.00
Street Light Installation	6.18
Travel Out of State	296.33
Storm Water Drains	26,846.13
Sewer Construction.	256,292.19
Sewer House Connections	$24,\!450.00$
Water Dept. — Construction, Services, New Mains	78,533.22
Water Construction — New Well	3,707.92
Public Welfare:	
Dependent Aid — Salaries, Expenses, Transportation Dependent Aid — Assistance	1,158.80
Dependent Aid — Assistance	10,370.66
Welfare, Old Age Assistance — Salaries, Expenses and	
Transportation	6,428.02
Welfare, Old Age Assistance	79,282.38
Welfare, Aid Dependent Children — Salaries, Expenses	
and Transportation	2,007.54
Welfare, Aid Dependent Children — Assistance	15,083.42
Welfare, Travel Out of State	10.00
Veterans' Services — Salaries and Expenses	4,517.99
Veterans' Transportation	250.00
Veterans' Benefits	18,359,47
School — Salaries	417,833.22
Auxiliary Agencies	6,994.08
Cafeteria Equipment	1,240.11
Expenses of Instruction	20,111.16
General Control.	2,054.01
Maintenance	20,992.82
Operating Expense	25,189.70
Outlay	8,999.84
Travel Out of State	131.53
Transportation	12,102.75
Vocational Tuition	2,203.50
Instruction Adult Aliens	169.00
Architect's Plans, New School	4,068.75
Painting Elliott School	2,475.94
Library — Salaries	16,659.70
Bindings, Expenses and Supplies	1,099.11
Books and Periodicals	4,571.60
Building Maintenance	5,449.21
Children's Room	203.08
William H. Wye Fund	32.15
Glover Memorial Hospital — Salaries	57,447.13
Building Maintenance and Expenses	6,334.42
Hospital Supplies	30,239.63
Dr. A. W. George, X-Ray Account	9,024.45
Hospital Construction — New Addition	368,609.61
Remodeling and Reconstruction	347.88
Recreation — Memorial Park — Salaries	4,217.14
Equipment	1,667.64
Expenses	2,356.35
Grand Stands	6,500.00
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Recreation — Salaries	\$10,359.82
Building Maintenance	906.48
Equipment and Supplies	1,649.96
Maintenance of Equipment, Service, Special Expenses	877.18
Unclassified:	
Annuity — Gaughan	1,250.00
Annuity — Haddock	1,250.00
Annuity — McLeod	1,250.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	1,000.00
Consolidation Town By-Laws	36.50
Contributory Retirement Contribution	20,265.00
Contributory Retirement Expenses	655.00
Insurance:	
Auto	2,262.62
Compensation	7,507.45
Engine Breakdown	455.86
Fire	5,171.79
Liability Comprehensive	926.10
Liability Public	57.20
Honor Roll	10.00
Pumping Station Control Panel	12.60
State Standards	56.25
Memorial Day, Expenses	442.84
Needham Housing Authority	3,000.00
Needham Veterans' Emergency Housing	1,000.00
Purchase of Land adj. Memorial Park	975.00
Sewer Betterment — Town Property	4,548.26
Town Forest Committee	978.30
Town Reports	3,292.10
Unclassified Miscellaneous Expenses	, -
Unpaid Bills, 1947.	347.60 821.38
Municipal Indebtedness:	821.38
	56,000,00
Maturing Debt	56,000.00
Interest Maturing Debt	11,501.25
Other Expenditures:	10 041 00
Norfolk County Hospital	13,341.08
Norfolk County Tax State Tax and Assessments	36,081.18
	30,911.33
Refunds	15,243.21
Withholding Tax	85,152.15
Hospital Construction — Purchase U. S. Treas. Bills .	1,246,915.21
Needham Veterans' Emergency Housing:	70.000000
Rent Account	10,375.51
Reserve, Repairs, Maintenance and Replacements	956.44
Security Deposits	280.00
John B. Tolman Fund	70,000.00
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Total Expenditures	\$3,882,634.73
Cash on hand December 31, 1948	261,046.57
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	\$4,143,681.30

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ALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31.	General Accounts
ALANCE	

\$315.00	3,507.31	75.00	2,538.19	738.00	51,706.62	625.94	81.73	1,901.11	3,000.00	11,404.76	7,226.36	124,135.55	13,195.23		92,126.62	
89	\$12.50 281.88 526.44 384.64 584.84 682.84 574.08 12.72		\$2,454.79 83.40											26,642.93 175.83 26,642.93 125.52	1,342.06 621.76 37,462.23 754.06 2,035.59 9,259.69	
Liabilities and Reserves Reserve for Petty Cash	Trust Fund Income: Barr Library Fund Dwight School Fund T. Otis Fuller, Hospital Fund Greenwood Library Fund Lyon, Hospital Fund Mary E. Moseley Hospital Fund John B. Tolman Grave and Temperance Fund William H. Wye Library Fund	Dog Licenses Due County	Income Accounts: Hospital Construction — New Addition War Salvage Fund	Loans Authorized, Premium Account: Sewer Construction — 1948	Post War Rehabilitation Fund: Construction, Hospital, New Addition	Reserve, Sale of Real Estate	Tailings — Unclaimed Checks	Water Deposits, Connection Fees	Welfare, Old Age Assistance, Recovery	Overlay Surplus, Reserve Fund	Overlay, Reserve for Abatements: Overlay 1948	Surplus Revenue: Excess and Deficiency	Sewer Assessment Receipts Reserve: Sewer Construction Reserve Fund. Revenue Reserved Until Collected: Machine Edition Fund.	Special Assessments: Committed Interest. Sever Committed Interest. Sever Committed Interest. Sever Committed Interest. Sever Committed Interest.	Sidewalks Streets. Departmental Accounts Receivable. Tax Titles Tax Possessions Water	
\$261,046.57		315.00		33,205.43	2,444.76	1 349 06	7,044.00	621.76		26 649 93	000	11,258.19	179.83	2.789,65		
	\$10.00 25.00 20.00 10.00 100.00 100.00 100.00 100.00	10.00	\$812.94 39.309.40						8446.04	26,196.89	\$71.33	11,186.86		\$754.06 2,035.59	\$1,985.55 11,578.82 3,393.07 90.00 116.25	
Cash Tr Benk and Officer	General and Offices: General Petty Cash: Hath Hospital Library Public Works School Tax Collector Town Clerk Treasurer Veterans Benefits	Welfare	Accounts Receivable: Taxes 1948 Personal Red	Motor Vahiola Fvoisa.	Taxes 1948	Sidem Assessments. Sidem Assessments. Unapportioned	Street:	Added to Tax Bills 1948	Sewer: Added to Tax Bills 1948		Sewer House Connections: Added to Tax Bills 1948	Unapportioned	Added to Tax 1318 1948 Sewer Committed Interest: Added to Tax Bills 1948	Tax Titles and Possessions: Tax Titles Tax Possessions	Departmental Accounts Receivable: Health Hospital, Services. Hospital, X-Ray Police Public Works	

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					\$134,555.86	\$447,128.28	\$251,747.29	51,733.65	7,568.20
\$1,029.08 215.20 2.11 22,918.65 3,463.87	1,650.00 4,073.62 5,628.10 24,577.00 1,781.23 93.82	2,743.45 5,743.45 2,40.40 2,5.50 24.06	11.82 1,789.14 23,726.64	28,6/4.12 60.72 1,429.41 3,000.00 200.00 1,022.49 200.00 200.00			\$249,292.50 2,454.79	\$24,993.50 25,160.00 1,580.15	\$2,000.00 3,491.20 1,993.60 83.40
Appropriation — Unexpended Balances: Assessors, Card System Assessors, New Equipment Fire, George Deen Fund Fire, Construction New Station Fire, New Station Equipment	Storm Water Drains:  Manning Street Overlook Road Whitter, Lancaster and Fuller Sewer Construction Street Construction Highgate and Wyoming There I Light, Installations	Irania Lights, riterales and instantation Water Construction, New Well School, Cafeteria Expenses School, Emery Grover, Remodeling School, George Deen Fund School, Architects Plans, New School School, Architects Plans, New School School Parinting Filling School	Library, Children's Room Hospital, Building Committee Hospital, Construction New Addition	Hospital, Remodeling and Reconstruction Memorial Park, Grading Consolidation Town By-Laws Committee, Community Center Committee, Calarics and Wages Memorial Day Markers Purchase Land, River Park Study, Norris Farm Playgrounds.			Investment Accounts Hospital Construction, New Addition: 0.89.14 Accured Interest Accured Interest	Post War Rehabilitation Fund: Bonds Purchased in 1943 Bonds Purchased in 1945 Accrued Interest	War Salvage Fund: Middleborough Cooperative Bank Needham Cooperative Bank Wellesley Cooperative Bank Accrued Interest
\$40,462.23	9,259.69	51,706.62	2,352.12	2,136.47		\$447,128.28	Investm \$311,049.14		
\$111.00 22,805.88 184.00 197.66	\$6,978.20 205.72 288.58 1,709.00 17.69 60.50								
Town Hall Veterans' Benefits Veterans' War Allowances Welfare, Dependent Aid	Water Rates Water Repairs Water New Services Water New Services Water Connection Fees Water Miscellaneous Water Lieus, Added to Tax Bills 1948	Due from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund: Hospital Construction	Norfolk County Tax: Underestimate 1948	Norfolk County Hospital: Underestimate 1948			Investment Fund: Cash and Securities		

BALANCE SHEET - Continued

	90 90 Y	\$986,500.00		\$688.75	37,189.62	24.251.17
	\$6,000.00 30,000.00 475,000.00 7,500.00 7,500.00 175,000.00 200,000.00 40,000.00 9,000.00		\$115.23 108.13 108.13 64.66 58.52 58.52	\$6.284 5.557 5.557 5.557 5.557 5.4.38 5.557 5.4.14 4,346.17	\$3.516.32 \$3.156.02 \$3.156.02 \$3.156.02 \$3.954.52 \$3.916.87	2,527.86 2,504.71 2,292.00 2,222.93 2,200.09 2,185.14
Debt Accounts	Elementary School New High School 1929. Hospital Addition 1947 Sewer Construction 1941 Sewer Construction 1941 Sewer Construction 1946 Sewer Construction 1947 Sewer Construction 1947 Sewer Construction 1948 Street Construction 1946 Veterans' Housing 1946		Deferred Revenue  Apportioned Sidewalk Assessment Revenue:  Bue in 1940  Due in 1950  Due in 1952  Due in 1953  Due in 1953  Due in 1953  Due in 1954	Due in 1955 Due in 1956 Due in 1956 Apportioned Street Assessment Revenue: Due in 1940 Due in 1950 Due in 1951 Due in 1951	Due in 1953  Due in 1954  Due in 1955  Due in 1956  Due in 1956  Due in 1956  Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:  Due in 1950  Due in 1950  Due in 1950  Due in 1950  Due in 1950	Due in 1953 Due in 1954 Due in 1954 Due in 1955 Due in 1956
Debt	\$986,500.00	\$986,500.00	<b>Deferre</b> \$688.75	37,189.62	24,251.17	
	Net Funded or Fixed Debt: Cash and Securities		Apportioned Assessments Not Due: Sidewalk	Apportioned Assessment Not Due:	Apportioned Assessment Not Due:	

\$1,693.17	15,130.04	\$78,952.75	148.105.17	\$148,105.17	ANT,
	\$2,232.07 \$2,064.57 1,926.23 1,663.14 1,739.38 1,611.33 1,431.82 1,286.15		\$1,045.05 500.00 1,015.08 1,147.61 769.50 252.08 1,100.00 1,104.31 1,104.31 1,100.00 7,000.00 1,100.00 1,000.00 5,000.00 1,000.00		MELVILLE W. GRANT, Town Accountant,
BALANCE SHEET—Conlinued  Deferred Sewer Assessment Revenue	Apportioned Sewer House Connection:  Assessment Revenue:  Due in 1949  Due in 1950  Due in 1952  Due in 1953  Due in 1954  Due in 1955  Due in 1955  Due in 1955  Due in 1956  Due in 1956  Due in 1956		Funds: Funds:  Alfred T. Baker Fund John E. Buckley Fund John E. Buckley Fund Horace A. Carter Fund Margaret Constable Fund Congregational Citurch: Women's Association Fund Doctors Fund Doctors Fund Tous Fuller Fund Ayra Greenwood Fund Myra Greenwood Fund Ayra Greenwood Fund Mary Virginia E. Hill M. Frances Kingsbury Fund Mary E. Moselly Fund Mary E. Moseley Fund William G. Moseley Fund Noedham Cemetery Investment Fund Barbare E. Nedham Fund Noedham Cemetery Investment Fundss Sutton Fund John Tolman Fund Surbare E. Nedham Fund John Tolman Fund John Tolman Fund John Tolman Fund George E. Wye Fund George E. Wye Fund George E. Wye Fund Milliam H. Wye Fund		Respectfully submitted, MELV
ALANCE SHI	\$1,693.17 15,130.04	\$78,952.75	Trust.8148,105.17	\$148,105.17	
\$742.25	Apportioned Assessment 1948		Trust Funds: Cash and Securities		

## -HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMITTEES-

#### CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

On January 1, 1948, after 10 years of operation, the Contributory Retirement System had 206 active members, 7 inactive members and 36 pensioners.

During 1948 there were 16 refunds made in Group 1 (General Employees) and 3 refunds in Group B (Fire and Police) on account of withdrawal from service; also one refund in Group A on account of death. Two employees were retired for accidental disability and a death benefit was paid to the widow of a deceased member. In this same period 15 new members were enrolled in Group A and 9 new members in Group B.

At the beginning of the year 1948 there were 36 pensioners on the rolls, but during the year this number was decreased by 3 deaths and 2 new pensioners were added.

At the present time the contributions from the Town and the employees, which according to law are invested only in stocks and bonds legal for savings banks, amount to \$222,579.08. Income on this investment will be approximately 3 per cent for 1948. The Town's yearly contribution as estimated by the State to complete its liability will be \$23,000.

New legislation adopted at the Town Meeting in March, 1948, granted a 20 per cent increase, effective March 15, 1948, to all pensioners retired prior to January 1, 1946, whose retirement allowance did not exceed \$1,200.

#### BUILDING BOARD OF APPEAL

The Building Board of Appeal earnestly hopes the existing confusion in the Building and Zoning By-Laws may be eliminated, and suggests an immediate way in which to help the situation, pending clarification of the Building By-Laws, would be to have the Zoning Board function also as the Building Board, and to have one Board handle all hearings relating to Zoning and Building By-Laws. To clarify the By-Laws so there is no doubt as to the jurisdiction of each of the two Boards is desirable.

During 1948, the Building Board of Appeal held four hearings with respect to variance in the Building By-Laws of the Town, and has sat jointly with the Zoning Board of Appeal on two occasions to make sure that one Board, or the other, had proper jurisdiction of matters with reference to which the Zoning and Building By-Laws are somewhat in confusion.

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL

The nature of the cases coming before the Zoning Board of Appeal reflects the change in the trend of the times. When the Board was first established in 1946, petitions for variances to permit conversion of houses in single residence areas into two-family houses predominated. During 1948 the trend switched to petitions for variances to permit subdivision of land into two or more lots having less than the minimum areas or frontages required by the Zoning By-Law.

It is hoped and expected that the special committee appointed under Article 78 of the 1948 Annual Town Meeting, on which committee this Board has a representative, will present to the 1949 Annual Town Meeting recommendations for amendments to the Zoning and Building By-Laws which will clarify and simplify appeal procedure and will eliminate the necessity of joint hearings when the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of both Boards.

During 1948, the Zoning Board of Appeal held nine hearing sessions and disposed of 18 cases.

John Q. Adams Kenneth F. Akers Avaughn M. Ames Dester W. Arey William G. Barry J. Dell Baster Frank J. Battles Carl A. Beckonert F. Walter Bennett James M. Benson Stanley O. Bezanson Richard M. Blakely Carl H. Bowen John B. Brawley Paul M. Britt Harry R. Broadley H. Rodney Brooke Robert B. Brown Leo E. Buckley Max Burgess Everett W. Burns Charles S. Butler Everett E. Byrd John W. Cable James T. Cameron John F. Carey, Jr. Edmund A. Carr George G. Cheney Carl G. Clausen George E. Cole Francis J. Collins Samuel W. Collins, Jr. Robert S. Cookson Charles H. Cornell William H. Cotter, Jr. Harry J. Coughlan Frederick Crawford Hubert E. Crippen James E. Cruickshank Edward L. Dahlberg Paul H. Doorly E. Wesley Enman James P. Farricy Andrew J. Fay Blake H. Field Richard Fortune Harold C. Foulkes Paul H. Franz Daniel G. Frawley Walter C. F. Gartner Gordon S, George A. Ramsay Gifford A. Victor Gilfoy Arved R. Grauman William P. Greuling Martin H. Gurley Frank J. Hall John C. Hersome Charles E. Hilliard Francis Y. Hinckley James M. Hindle

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401 Warren St. 61 Fair Oaks Pk. 278 Thornton Rd. 61 Tower St. 56 Nichols Rd. 18 Douglas Rd. 64 Lexington Ave. 1214 Great Plain Ave. 44 Appleton Rd. 40 Linden St 213 Warren St. 8 Nevada Rd. 29 Parker Rd. 44 Barrett St. 1637 Great Plain Ave. 60 Dana Pl. 13 Parkvale Rd. 321 Warren St. 7 Greenwood Ave. 80 Emerson Rd. 75 Laurel Drive 65 Oak St. 57 Prospect St. 34 Prospect St. 124 Marked Tree Rd. 120 Hillside Ave. 24 Oakhurst Cir. 102 Pine St. 19 Overlook Rd. 51 Pilgrim Rd. 14 Avery St 575 Great Plain Ave. 1250 Great Plain Ave. 71 Fair Oaks Pk. 10 Manning St. 569 Chestnut St. 72 Mayflower Rd. 175 Laurel Drive 150 Wachusett Rd. 15 Fairfield St. 100 Warren St. 423 Dedham Ave. 125 Webster St. 26 Fairfield St. 161 Nehoiden St. 420 Webster St. 52 Holmes St. 56 Tower St. 5 Otis St. 131 Fair Oaks Pk. 146 South St. 43 Intervale Rd. 47 Newbury Pk. 45 Lewis St 129 Melrose Ave. 793 Great Plain Ave. 35 Chestnut Rd. 55 Coolidge Ave. 71 Upland Rd. 46 Grasmere Rd. 146 Hillcrest Rd.

Frederick A. Hoeh Charles F. Hogan James E. Hollyday Roy N. Holmes George H. Howard James R. Huxley Putnam C. Johnson Chandler W. Jones Edmund H. Keenen Michael Kelly William E. Kennedy John H. Kent Stephen J. Keris Thomas E. Kiley Walter H. Kozacko R. Edgar Lannon Lawrence S. Leach George E. Leeper Henry M. Leonard Clayton R. Lester Albert T. Liljequist Edward Livesev John A. Loud Arthur L. Lowe Andrew Lumsden Raymond F. Lyon Edmund S. MacPherson Melvin F. Maddocks James I. Maloney Herbert L. Manchester Frank J. Manning Alexander Marvin Herbert G. Mastin Joseph J. McAleney Epes L. McNair Wesley E. McQuarrie Alexander Melford Robert Dexter Merritt William Miller Jay L. Morgan Windsor W. Newton George Elmore Nicoll Ray V. Norman Nicholas A. O'Brien, Jr. George T. O'Donnell, Jr. Enok Olofson Harry Pandolf John A. Peterson Elmer L. Phillips John R. Pike Robert J. Plattner George M. Pond Charles F. Potter Perry E. Powell Merrill F. Ramsay Harry Richal Karl W. Richards, Jr. Frank A. Rideout Philip D. Rising Gardner B. Roberts Charles E. Rodenhaven Lawrence C. Roy E. David Samuels John E. Schultz

Manufacturer Chauffeur Assistant Manager Dealer Foreman Painter Salesman Executive Assistant Dye Maker Radio Engineer Merchant Electric Repairman Cutter Manager Production Engineer Clerk Manufacturer Insurance Adjustor Supervisor Photo Engraver Merchant Salesman Print. Machinery Spec. Agent Insurance Manufacturer Salesman Assistant Manager Investor Salesman Investment Counsel Monument Dealer Real Estate Sales Manager Mechanic Electrical Engineer Food Broker ActorInvestment Analysis Salesman Office Manager Machinist Purchasing Agent Sales Engineer Manager Insurance Sup. Carpenter Contracting Bank Teller Salesman Engineer Accountant Retired Supervisor Estimator Insurance Builder **Building Contractor** Tech. Rep. Sales Supervisor Accountant Salesman Architect Manager Clerk

109 Paul Revere Bd. 49 Newell Ave. 77 High St. 6 Glendale Rd. 38 Parkland Rd. 24 Gage St. 321 Webster St. 665 Great Plain Ave. 40 Freeman Pl. 36 Woodlawn Ave. 114 Green St. 164 West Street 24 Ellicott St. 1478 Highland Ave. 88 Lexington Ave. 3 Plymouth Rd. 55 Highgate St. 62 Washington Ave. 148 Sylvan Rd. 20 Mayo Ave. 108 Grant St. 145 Grant St. 123 Garden St. 42 LaSalle Rd. 204 Highgate St. 71 Great Plain Ave. 119 Bradford St. 286 Nehoiden St. 122 Hoover Rd. 113 Dedham Ave. 29 Gibson St. 48 Carey Rd. 32 Linden St. 326 Rosemary St. 59 Fairfield St. 21 Concord St. 25 Chestnut St. 62 Noyes St. 22 Pleasant St. 9 Alden Rd. 32 Pleasant St. 92 Taylor St. 72 Marked Tree Rd. 378 Hillside Ave. 384 Manning St. 51 Needhamdale Rd. 106 Sachem Rd. 96 Elliott St. 86 School St 24 Doane Ave. 23 Norwich Rd. 858 Webster St. 77 Page Rd. 17 Newell Ave. 157 Beaufort Ave. 590 Highland Ave. 21 Mercer Rd. 89 Page Rd. 28 Oak Knoll Ter. 68 Melrose Ave. 117 Hoover Rd. 76 Wilshire Pk. 35 Beaufort Ave. 217 Hillside Ave.

Samuel Scott
Alfred D. Sedergran
John A. Shelton
Harold D' Shierman
Harry E. Slaney
Philip K. Soule
Frederick J. Spang
Richard R. Stanwood
Dexter Stark
Ritchie L. Stevens
Albert D. Swanson
Joseph Thomas
Oscar W. Tippett
Albert W. Tocci
Roy E. Towne
George R. Tuck
William J. Upham
Leonard E. Wade
John G. Wallace
Harry B. Warwick
Arnold E. Watkins
Robert H. Whiteway
Harry C. Whitney
George E. Wight
Frank Winthrop

Architect Salesman Banker Superintendent Machinist Glazier Sales Manager Acc't Manager Bank Clerk Salesman Building Supt. Engineer Advertising Bank Examiner Salesman Electrician Foreman Investigator Printer Printer Display Man Executor Carpenter Electrician Manufacturer

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## -VITAL INFORMATION-

## TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

## Incorporated 1711

Population 1945 Census 14,507

Assessed Valuation \$32,938,445.00

Tax Rate — 1948 — \$35.00

#### **Town Services**

Town Services		
GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	Nee 3-0055 FIRE	Nee 3-0142
AMBULANCE	Nee 3–1700 POLICE	Nee 3-1700
For Information on	Call	At
Assessments	Assessors	Nee 3-0180
Bicycle Licenses	Police	Nee 3-1700
Bills and Accounts	Accountant	Nee 3–1666
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	Nee 3-2525
Building Permits	Inspections Dept.	Nee 3-1920
Death Certificates	Town Clerk	Nee 3-2525
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	Nee 3-2525
Dogs — Lost and Found	Dog Officer	Nee 3-0132-J
Elections	Town Clerk	Nee 3-2525
Engineering	Public Works Dept.	Nee 3-0670
Entertainment Licenses	Selectmen	Nee 3-0235
Fire Permits	Fire Dept.	Nee 3-0142
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping Licenses	Town Clerk	Nee 3-2525
Forestry	Public Works Dept.	Nee 3-0670
Fuel Oil Storage	Fire Dept.	Nee 3-0142
Garbage Collection	Board of Health	Nee 3-0345
Health	Board of Health	Nee 3-0345
Library	Public Library	Nee 3-0087
Lights, Street	Public Works Dept.	Nee 3-0670
Marriage Certificates	Town Clerk	Nee 3-2525
Milk Inspection	Board of Health	Nee 3-0345
Mortgages, Personal Property	Town Clerk	Nee 3–2525
Mosquito Control	Public Works Dept.	Nee 3-0670
Playgrounds and Recreation	Recreation Director	Nee 3-0356
Schools	School Dept.	Nee 3-0010
Selectmen	Selectmen	Nee 3-0235
Sewers	Public Works Dept.	Nee 3-0670
Streets	Public Works Dept.	Nee 3-0670
Tax Assessments	Assessors	Nee 3-0180
Tax Collections	Tax Collector	Nee 3-0152
Town Hall	Custodian	Nee 3–1518
Veterans	Veterans' Service Dept.	Nee 3-2440
Veterans' Housing	Vets. Housing Author.	Nee 3–3011
Voting and Registration	Board of Registrars	Nee 3–2525
Water	Public Works Dept.	Nee 3-0670
Welfare	Public Welfare Dept.	Nee 3–1710
Wiring	Inspections Dept.	Nee 3–1920
Zoning	Inspections Dept.	Nee 3-1920





# TOWN OF NEEDHAM

Town Clerk's Records

# Annual Election of Town Officers

March 8, 1948

AND

Annual Town Meeting March 15, 1948

AND

Adjourned Annual Town Meetings March 17 and 22, 1948

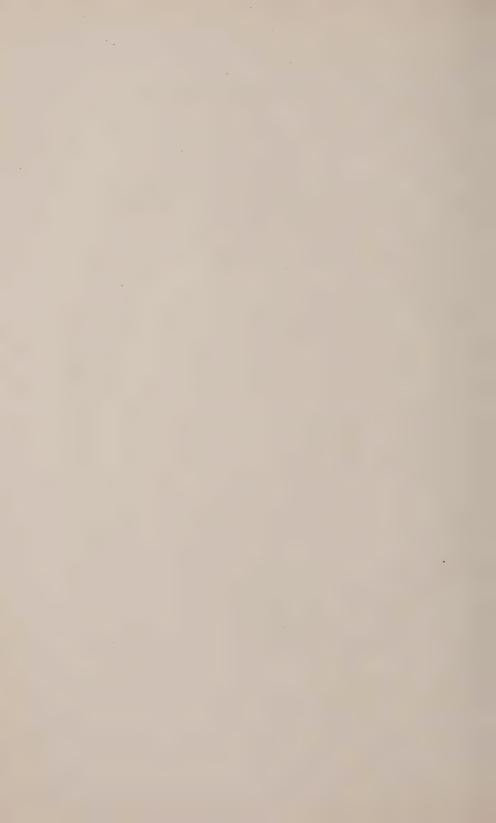
> Special Town Meetings May 7, 1948 AND

June 16, 1948

Report of State Audit



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## NEEDHAM TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1948

### RECORD OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

March 8, 1948

Agreeably to a Warrant signed by the Selectmen January 20, 1948, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, March 8, 1948, at forty-five minutes after six o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant and Officer's Return were read by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

The ballot boxes were inspected and found to be empty with the registers set on 0000. The boxes were then locked and the keys delivered to William H. Dugan, the officer in attendance.

The ballot clerks were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Moderator.

The ballots prepared by the Town Clerk for use at this election were then delivered to the ballot clerks and their receipt taken therefor.

The polls were opened at forty-five minutes after six o'clock in the forenoon and were kept open until eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as required by Section 48, Chapter 54 of the General Laws.

**Article 1.** To choose by ballot the following Town Officers: Three Selectmen for one year; one Moderator for one year; one Town Clerk for one year; one Assessor for three years; two Members of the Board of Public Welfare for three years; two Trustees of the Public Library for three years; one Trustee of Memorial Park for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years; one Member of the School Committee for two years; one Member of the Board of Health for three years; one Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years; one Member of the Town Planning Board for five years, one Member of the Town Planning Board for two years, one Member of the Town Planning Board for one year, one Member of the Recreation Commission for three years; two Constables for one year; one Town Meeting Member for District 2 for one year, one Town Meeting Member for District 2 for two years; two Town Meeting Members for District 3 for one year; two Town Meeting Members for District 4 for one year; one Town Meeting Member for District 5 for two years; and sixteen Town Meeting Members for each District, namely 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, for three years.

The ballots were audibly counted by the Moderator when taken from the box, and at 10:55 A.M. 414 ballots were taken from the box;

- at 1:05 P.M. 241 ballots were taken from the box;
- at 4:00 P.M. 537 ballots were taken from the box;

- at 5:30 P.M. 310 ballots were taken from the box; at 7:00 P.M. 518 ballots were taken from the box; at 8:00 P.M. 584 ballots were taken from the box;

making the total number of ballots cast.....

2,604, of which number 6 were absentee ballots.

The	vote	hv	districts	was	as	follows:	
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District	Male	Female	Total
1	320	316	636
2	341	379	720
3	238	256	494
4	226	242	468
5	166	120	286
	1,291	1,313	2,604

A canvass of all votes given was made as required by law. Upon completion of the canvass of all votes cast the result of the voting was declared by the Moderator to be as follows, viz:

by the moderator to be an ionomb, the	
For Moderator  Samuel H. Wragg	2,197 407
For Town Clerk  Marian S. Peterson  Blanks  and Marian S. Peterson was declared elected Town Clerk for one year	2,337 267 ar.
For Selectmen  William H. Cotter, Jr. Ralph H. Gray George M. Pond Blanks and William H. Cotter, Jr., Ralph H. Gray and George M. Pond we clared elected Selectmen for one year.	2,189 2,192 2,186 1,245 ere de-
For Assessor (for three years)  Earl W. Richwagen  Blanks  and Earl W. Richwagen was declared elected Assessor for three year	2,310 294 s.
For Department of Public Welfare (for three years)  Earl Alban Catherine L. Larson Harry Martin Evelyn N. Sargent Blanks and Earl Alban and Catherine L. Larson were declared elected membrane the Board of Public Welfare for three years.	1,071 1,231 858 1,001 1,047 pers of
For School Committee (for three years) Fred I. Cairns Clarence E. Dussault	762 434

John F. Harkins ..... Barbara M. Page Charles B. Schoenmehl.

J. Marshall Shields Ruth E. Steere.

Blanks .....

of the School Committee for three years.

and Barbara M. Page and Ruth E. Steere were declared elected members

1.043 132

688 1,219

595

For School Committee (for two years) (to fill vacancy)  Ada Phelps Clark
•
For Trustee of Memorial Park (for three years) Thomas J. Crossman
Blanks
For Trustees of Public Library (for three years)
Fred G. Atchinson 2,116 Helen B. Eastman 2,145 Blanks 947 and Fred G. Atchinson and Helen B. Eastman were declared elected Trustees of the Public Library for three years.
For Board of Health (for three years)
Kenneth Christophe 2,225 Blanks 379 and Kenneth Christophe was declared elected a member of the Board of Health for three years.
For Planning Board (for five years)
Eva H. Churchill
For Planning Board (for two years) (to fill vacancy)
James E. Cruickshank1,272Harold Putnam1,066Blanks266and James E. Cruickshank was declared elected a member of the Town planning Board for two years.
For Planning Board (for one year) (to fill vacancy)
Frank L. Cheney 1,536 H. Kent Crabtree 789 Blanks 279 and Frank L. Cheney was declared elected a member of the Town Planning Board for one year.
For Commissioner of Trust Funds (for three years)
Vernal E. Kezer

#### For Constables

William W. Hewett	
Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.	2,073
Blanks	924
and William W. Hewett and Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr., were declared	elected
Constables for one year.	

## For Recreation Commission (for three years)

George H. Krech	
	)21
Beatrice A. Wood	
Blanks	
and Beatrice A. Wood was declared elected a member of the Recreat Commission for three years.	ion

The following were elected Town Meeting Members.

## District Number 1 (for three years)

Herbert E. Blaisdell	Gorham W. Humphrey
Sidney P. Brearley	Herbert L. Moore
Harry A. Brown	Enos G. Nickerson
Richard D. Burnham	Alice W. Reeves
Irving H. Cowdrey	Victor L. Richwagen
Stanley M. Hollis	Richard M. Salamone
R. Ashley Holt	Ruth E. Steere
George H. Hopkins	Evan C. Thorpe

#### District Number 2 (for three years)

2000000	Trumour a (joi mirec years)
Ralph M. Binney	Stewart B. Johnston
William S. Cassidy	Vernal E. Kezer
Walter R. Clarenbach	N. Henry Larson
Earl C. Fay	Harold M. Lawson
Frank L. Flood	James K. Sanborn
Henry D. Hersey	Justus H. Sturtevant
A. Sterling Holt	Gordon B. Winslow
Albert E. Hunter	Blanche S. Worth

District Number 2 (for one year)
Samuel Loomis

District Number 2 (for two years)
James E. Cruickshank

## District Number 3 (for three years)

William P. Bailey	Roland C. March, Jr.
F. Barker Bartlett, Jr.	Robert W. Page
Arthur H. Birkett	Rebecca H. Perry
John W. Farley	Thomas J. Rooney
William H. Gay	Arthur R. Stanley
Parkman D. Howe	Herbert F. Stevenson
Lemont D. Litchfield	Donald W. Swigart
William A. Mann	M. Alfred Ulbrich

### District Number 3 (for one year)

Forbes MacGregor Charles B. McIntosh

District Number 4 (for three years)

Theresa H. Dubois
Donald A. Eaton
Blake H. Field
Frederic L. Glover
Katherine L. Hall
John F. Harkins
Robert M. Kimball
Ronald D. Lowden

Theodore McIntosh
Karl W. Richards
Earl W. Richwagen
Farl W. Richwagen
Paul B. Richwagen
Philip D. Rising
Richard B. Sanders
Ceorge M. Willgoose
George M. Wragg

District Number 4 (for one year)

Clyde V. Hodgdon Lawrence D. Walker

District Number 5 (for three years)

Elizabeth E. Anderson
Walter A. Brooks
Florance M. Crowley
Fred L. Frost
Ralph L. Gaudet
Samson Hammersley
H. Milton Hoitt
Roland C. March

Prescott B. Morse
Ellis M. Nickerson
Everett C. Pinkham
Philip Simon
Myron Smith
Albert W. Tocci
Harold R. Walton
Owen Webb

District Number 5 (for two years)

Chester R. Flint

All the ballots cast, the undistributed ballots and check lists were sealed up, endorsed by the Election Officer and placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

Adjourned at 11:45 o'clock, P.M., Tuesday, March 8, 1948.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,

Town Clerk.

Attest:

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

#### March 15, 1948

Pursuant to a Warrant issued by the Selectmen January 20, 1948, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, March 15, 1948, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock, P.M., by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, and the call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

Check lists were used and 383 men and 144 women were checked on the list as being present, a total of 527. There were 222 Town Meeting Members present, constituting a quorum, and the Moderator proceeded to

**Article 2.** To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine.

Voted: That the following officers be elected:

Town Agents: William H. Cotter, Jr., Ralph H. Gray, George M. Pond. Measures of Wood and Bark: James H. Whetton, Frederick A. Whetton.

Public Weighers: James H. Whetton, Frederick A. Whetton, John J. Whetton, Nicholas A. O'Brien, James Gilleran, Albert McNamara, Richard L. Nims, Betty Rosenkrans, Ralph T. Woodcock, Lawrence Shields, Edmund Cusack.

Article 3. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Voted: That the Reports of Town Officers and Committees be accepted and placed on file.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take relative to unexpended balances and deficiencies of 1947.

*Voted:* That the unexpended balances, except those appropriated by this meeting, be returned to the Treasury, and that the sum of \$821.38 be appropriated to pay "unpaid bills."

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take relative to unexpended balances and deficiencies of 1948.

Voted: That unpaid bills contracted in 1948 but not received by the Town until after January 1, 1949, regarded as "unpaid bills", be paid in January, 1949, from cash on hand, and that the amount so paid be reported by the Town Accountant to the Finance Committee to be included in their report of appropriations for 1949.

**Article 6.** To see what disposition the Town will make of monies received pursuant to Section 172 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws as the Town's share of the unexpended balance of the Dog Fund.

*Voted:* That the monies received pursuant to Section 172 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws as the Town's share of the unexpended balance of the Dog Fund, to wit: \$2,404.28, be appropriated for the use of the Public Library.

**Article 7.** To see what action the Town will take relative to the compensation of its Town Officers and Employees.

The following Substitute Motion by the Selectmen did not carry.

Moved: That the compensation of Town officers and employees for the year 1948 be increased over their compensation for 1947, in the case of salaried officers and employees, by an amount equal to their 1947 cost of living bonuses, and in the case of employees working on an hourly basis by the amount of ten cents per hour, the said increase in each case to be an additional cost of living bonus, provided, however, that no single individual working for the Town shall receive as an additional cost of living bonus for the current year an amount exceeding \$250.00 in the aggregate.

#### and it was

Voted: That the compensation of Town Officers and Employees for the year 1948 be the same as voted in the Annual Budget, provided however that no single individual shall receive as a cost of living bonus over and above his total base compensation from the Town an amount exceeding \$375.00 for the current year.

**Article 8.** To see in what manner the Town will have its taxes collected for the current year.

*Voted:* That the taxes for the current year be collected in the same manner as in the year 1947, and that the compensation therefor be the same as voted in the Annual Budget.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 615 of the Acts of 1947, authorizing temporary increases not exceeding twenty percent in the amounts of pensions payable to certain former employees of the Town and the beneficiaries of certain retired public employees of the Town, including teachers, such increases to be retroactive to January 1, 1948; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town accept Chapter 615 of the Acts of 1947, authorizing temporary increases not exceeding twenty percent in the amounts of pensions payable to certain former employees of the Town and the beneficiaries of certain retired public employees of the Town, including teachers, such increases to be retroactive to January 1, 1948.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended:

Town Clerk

Board of Selectmen { Chairman of the Board Second Member }

Third Member

Board of Assessors { Principal Assessor Second Assessor Third Assessor

Town Treasurer and Tax Collector

and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Voted: That the salaries of the Town Clerk, the Members of the Board of Selectmen, the members of the Board of Assessors and the Town Treas-

urer and Tax Collector be the amounts appropriated for such purposes under Article #11 of this Warrant, such salaries to be retroactive to January 1, 1948.

<sup>\*</sup> **Article 11.** To see what sums of money the Town will appropriate for the necessary Town charges and expenses.

Under this article the following appropriations were made, each item being voted on separately, viz.:

being voted on separately, viz.:	, 04011 10011
$\it Voted:$ That the sum of \$7,831.70 be appropriated for the Department as follows:	Accounting
Salaries	\$6,564.20
Cost of Living Bonus	817.50
Expenses	450.00
Voted: That the sum of \$11,138.36 be appropriated for the Department as follows:  Salaries	ne Assessing
	#2 200 00
First assessor	\$3,300.00
Second assessor	1,012.00 1,012.00
Third assessor	3,316.00
Clerks and deputy	3,310.00
Cost of Living Bonus	2== 00
First assessor	375.00
Second assessor	138.00
Third assessor	138.00
Clerks and deputy	447.36
Expenses	1,400.00
<i>Voted</i> : That the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated for Committee, as follows:	the Finance
Salaries	\$550.00
Cost of Living Bonus	50.00
Expenses	400.00
The following Substitute Motion by the Selectmen carried	and it was
$\it Voted:$ That the sum of \$97,104.50 be appropriated for t partment, as follows:	he Fire De-
Salaries	\$74,541.50
Cost of Living Bonus	8,805.00
Expenses	983.00
Supplies and equipment	3,450.00
Out of State travel	200.00
New equipment	3,300.00
Maintenance of equipment	450.00
Maintenance of building	3,200.00
Maintenance of motor equipment	2,175,00
$\it Voted:$ That the sum of \$7,650.00 be appropriated for the Department, as follows:	
Salaries	\$2,750.00
Expenses	4,900.00
$\it Voted:$ That the sum of \$437.60 be appropriated for the Fore Department, as follows:	st Warden's
Paid service	\$200.00
Supplies	100.00
Forest Patrol	137.60

\$2,200.00

300.00 200.00

150.00

Before the budget for the Glover Memorial Hospital was voted upon the following Resolve was introduced and accepted.

*Resolved:* That it is the sense of this meeting that the Trustees of Glover Memorial Hospital should take immediate steps to adjust their rates of charges so that the hospital shall be as nearly self-supporting as possible.

possible.	
<i>Voted</i> : That the sum of \$94,945.00 be appropriated for the Glove Memorial Hospital as follows:	r
Salaries	0
Expenses	
Supplies	
Maintenance of building	0
$\it Voted:$ That the sum of \$22,887.50 be appropriated for the Board of Health as follows:	f
Salaries	)
Cost of Living Bonus	)
Expenses	
Hospitalization	
Garbage collection	
Mosquito control expenses 3,000.00 Out of state travel 50.00	
Out of state travel	<i>)</i>
Total from the 1948 tax levy	)
To be appropriated from the Excess & Defi-	
ciency account for new mosquito control	
equipment	)
<i>Voted:</i> That the sum of \$8,389.98 be appropriated for the Inspection Department, as follows:	1
Salaries	3
Cost of Living Bonus	
Expenses	
Transportation	)
<i>Voted</i> : That the sum of \$1,330.50 be appropriated for the Sealer of Weights and Measures, as follows:	f
Salaries	)
Cost of Living Bonus	)
Expenses 80.50	
Transportation	)
$\it Voted:$ That the sum of \$13,924.25 be appropriated for Insurance, as follows:	5
Automobile	)
Compensation	
Engine breakdown	
Fire 5,171.79	
Liability (Public)	
Comprehensive liability	)
<i>Voted:</i> That the sum of \$2,850.00 be appropriated for the Legal Department, as follows:	
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Cost of Living Bonus .....

Damages .....

Expenses .....

Salaries . .

Voted: That the sum of \$25,976.16 be appropriated for the Library
Department; that the further sum of \$397.14, being the income from the
Barr and Greenwood Funds, be transferred to the Library Department;
and that the further sum of \$2,404.28, being the amount received by the
Town from the County Dog Fund, be transferred to the Library Depart-
ment, and that the total of \$28,777.58 is to be expended as follows:

Salaries		 	 	 	\$14,872.78
Bonus		 	 	 	2,014.80
Expenses and suppli	es	 	 	 	690.00
Books and periodica	ls	 	 	 	4,575.00
Bindings		 	 	 	400.00
Building maintenand	е	 	 	 	6,225.00

 $\it Voted:$  That the sum of \$8,265.00 be appropriated for Memorial Park as follows:

Cost of Living Bonus Expenses	125.00 2,365.00
Total from the tax levy	6,590.00
To be appropriated from the Excess and Deficiency account for new equipment	1.675.00

 $\it Voted: That the sum of \$875.00$  be appropriated for Miscellaneous Expense as follows:

Dog Officer	
Salaries	 \$770.00
Cost of Living Bonus	105.00

Voted: That the sum of \$562.50 be appropriated for Miscellaneous Expense as follows:

Animal Inspector

inimal Inspector	
Salaries	\$385.00
Cost of Living Bonus	52.50
Transportation	125.00

Voted: That the sum of \$3,750.00 be appropriated for Miscellaneous Expense as follows:

Annuities	
Base	\$3,300.00
Cost of Living Bonus	450.00

Voted: That the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for Soldiers Graves

Voted: That the sum of \$2,025.00 be appropriated for Town Reports

Voted: That the sum of \$250.00 be appropriated for Miscellaneous — Unclassified Expenses.

 $\it Voted:$  That the sum of \$375.00 be appropriated for Memorial Day Expenses.

The following substitute motion by Mr. Holden for the Planning Board carried, and it was

*Voted*: That the sum of \$666.00 be appropriated for the Planning Board, as follows:

Salaries	\$330.00
Cost of Living Bonus 15%	45.00
Expenses	291.00

*Voted*: That the sum of \$82,492.40 be appropriated for the Police Department, as follows:

	\$63,204.90
Cost of Living Bonus	8,107.50
Expenses	1,850.00
Supplies and equipment	2,000.00
Uniforms	1,050.00
Travel — Out of State	
Maintenance of buildings	2,035.00
New automobile	*1,000.00
Maintenance of equipment	3,120.00

\*With authority to credit the purchase price of new equipment with the value of equipment turned in.

The following motion to amend the motion of the Finance Committee with respect to the budget of the Public Works Department was introduced by the Selectmen and it was

*Voted:* That the motion of the Finance Committee be amended by adding to the appropriation for salaries the sum of \$828.20

Voted: That the sum of \$244,908.20 be appropriated for the Public Works Department, \$243,908.20 of which shall be raised in the current tax levy, and \$1,000.00 of which shall be appropriated from the Excess & Deficiency Account for the purchase of new equipment, the same to be expended as follows:

Salaries and wages	\$192,418.10
Bonus, including a 5 cent per hour bonus for the hourly rated employees	10,610.10
I are amounts included in anow removed and aposical article	\$203,028.20
Less amounts included in snow removal and special article appropriations	\$46.200,06
Expenses Street lighting Travel — Out of State Replacement of equipment, with authority to credit the purchase price of the new equipment with the value of	\$156,828.20 \$55,830.00 27,000.00 300.00
the equipment turned in	\$3,950.00 1,000.00
_	\$244 908 20

Voted: That the sum of \$25,000.00 be appropriated for the Public Works Department — Snow Removal, in addition to \$20,000.00 appropriated under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of January 29, 1948.

The following *Substitute Motion* presented by the Recreation Committee did not carry.

*Moved*: That the sum of \$17,401.64 be appropriated for the Recreation Department, as follows:

Salaries	\$11,022.00
Cost of Living Bonus 15%	1,263.14
Services	511.00
Supplies and Equipment	2,755.00
Special Expenses	445.50
Maintenance of Buildings	1,105.00
Maintenance of Equipment	300.00

and it was

Voted: That the sum of	\$14,119.38 b	oe appropriated	for the	Recreation
Department, as follows:				

Salaries	\$9,970.50
Cost of Living Bonus	
Services	310.00
Supplies and equipment	1,665.00
Special expenses	240.00 920.00
Maintenance of buildings	250.00
Maintenance of equipment	230.00

*Voted*: That the sum of \$7,797.50 be appropriated for the Registrars Department, as follows:

Salaries	\$2,245.00
Cost of Living Bonus	292.50
Tellers	2,000.00
Expenses	3,260.00

Voted: That the sum of \$25,000.00 be appropriated for the Reserve Fund as follows:

From the Overlay Reserve	 \$4,634.89
From the current tax levy	 20,365.11

The following Substitute Motion was offered by the School Committee:

Moved: That the sum of \$515,441.45 be appropriated for the School Department, and that the additional sum of \$231.62, being the income from the Dwight School Fund, be transferred to the School Department, the total of \$515,673.07 to be expended as follows:

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All Salaries	\$418,223.07
General Control	2,200,00
Instruction	19,000.00
Operation	26,000.00
Maintenance	
Auxiliary Agencies	
Outlay	
Travel (Out-of-State)	
Transportation	
Vocational Tuition	2,500.00

An amendment to this Substitute Motion was offered by Mr. George Warren, as follows:

*Moved:* That the *Substitute Motion* of the School Committee be amended by increasing the total amount of money to be appropriated thereunder for the School Department by the sum of \$2,500.00 and by adding thereto the following new item:

For painting the Eliot School .......\$2,500,00

Mr. Bailey and Mr. Southworth were sworn in by the Moderator as tellers and a count of hands was taken on the amendment. 139 voting in favor and 46 in the negative, Mr. Warren's amendment was adopted.

The Substitute Motion was then voted upon and was not accepted.

Mr. Warren asked that his amendment be submitted to the motion made by the Finance Committee, and it was so voted and the amendment was adopted.

The following motion by the Finance Committee, as amended, carried and it was

*Voted*: That the sum of \$511,359.45 be appropriated for the School Department, and that the further sum of \$231.62, being the income from

the Dwight School	Fund, be	transferred	to the	School	Department,	the
total of \$511,591.07	to be expe	ended as follo	ows:			

Expenses of instruction	\$18,300.00
Operation	26,000.00
Maintenance	18,618.00
Auxiliary agencies	18,200.00
General control	2,100.00
Out-of-state travel	150.00
Outlays	7,500.00
Vocational tuition	2,500.00
Salaries	
Bonus	418,223.07

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,812.50 be appropriated for the Selectmen's Department as follows:

Salaries	
Chairman	\$440.00
Second member	330.00
Third member	330.00
Clerk	275.00
Cost of Living Bonus	
Chairman	60.00
Second member	45.00
Third member	45.00
Clerk	37.50
Expenses	550.00
Town meetings	700.00
10WM Meetings	,00.00

Voted: That the sum of \$5,685.02 be appropriated for the Town Clerk's Department, as follows:

Salaries	
Town Clerk	\$2,710.64
Other salaries	1,721.88
Cost of Living Bonus	
Town Clerk	345.00
Clerk	217.50
Expenses	645.00
Fees	45.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$10,589.00 be appropriated for the Town Hall and Grounds Department, as follows:

Salaries	\$6,420.00
Cost of Living Bonus	705.00
Maintenance	3,464.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$10,468.80 be appropriated for the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Department, as follows:

Salaries	
Treasurer and Tax Collector	\$3,795.00
Others	3,442.30
Cost of Living Bonus	
Treasurer and Tax Collector	375.00
Others	450.00
Expenses	1,605.00
Tax titles	100.00
Ronde	701.50

Voted: That the sum	of \$25,172.14	be appropriated	for the	Veteran's
Services Department, as		** *		

Salaries	\$4,079.64
Cost of Living Bonus	367.50
Expenses	475.00
Transportation. Veteran's Benefits	250.00
veteran's benefits	20,000.00

The following substitute motion by Mr. Mann carried and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$75,744.88 be appropriated for the Welfare Department, as follows:

Salaries	
	\$6,414.88
Cost of Living bonus	1,065.00
Expenses	
Transportation	
Old Age Assistance	44,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	14,500.00

 $\it Voted:$  That the sum of \$20,920.00 be appropriated for the Contributory Retirement System as follows:

Contribution to the system	 \$20,265.00
	 655.00

Voted: That the sum of \$225.00 be appropriated for the Building Board of Appeal as follows:

Salaries	\$50.00
Expenses	175.00

*Voted*: That the sum of \$280.00 be appropriated for the Zoning Board of Appeal as follows:

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Salaries	. \$100.00
Expenses	

*Voted:* That the sum of \$68,501.25 be appropriated for Bonds and Interest, of which \$63,847.75 shall be raised in the current tax levy and \$4,653.50 shall be transferred from the Bond Premium Account.

At 10:50 o'clock, P.M., it was *voted* to adjourn to Wednesday, March 17, 1948, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,

Town Clerk.

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

### March 17, 1948

Pursuant to adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting held March 15, 1948, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 17, 1948, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 240 men and 87 women were checked on the lists as being present. There were 181 Town Meeting Members present. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, who proceeded to present the remaining articles in the Warrant.

Mrs. Dunn moved for reconsideration of Article 11 with respect to the School budget. Mr. William P. Bailey raised the question as to whether, in the event the reconsideration passed, it would open up all of the appropriations made under Article 11. The Moderator ruled that each article under the budget would have to be taken up separately, then asked for a count of hands on the vote for reconsideration of Article 11. Mr. Bailey and Mr. Southworth acted as sworn tellers. The vote was 87 in favor and 80 against, and the reconsideration prevailed.

After considerable discussion of the items involved, the Finance Committee offered the following substitute motion, as amended by Mr. Warren.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$511,359.45 be appropriated for the School Department, and that the further sum of \$231.62, being the income from the Dwight School Fund, be transferred to the School Department, the total of \$511,591.07 to be expended as follows:

Expenses of instruction	\$18,300.00
Operation	26,000.00
Maintenance	18,618.00
Auxiliary agencies	18,200.00
General control	2,100.00
Out-of-State travel	150.00
Outlays	7,500.00
Vocational tuition	2,500.00
Salaries \$402,780.57	
Bonus	
Total salaries and bonus	\$418,223.07

To which the following amendment was added:

Moved: That the substitute motion of the School Committee be amended by increasing the total amount of money to be appropriated thereunder for the School Department by the sum of \$2,500.00 and by adding thereto the following new item:

For painting the Eliot School ...... \$2,500.00

The Moderator asked for a count of hands to be taken by the sworn tellers. The vote was 82 in favor and 83 against. It was moved that a roll call be taken and more than seven Town Meeting Members arising in favor of the motion, a roll call was ordered by the Chair. The result of the roll call was

The substitute motion of the Finance Committee did not prevail.

Mr. Frank Godfrey moved that the roll call be printed and made a part of the permanent record of this meeting and it was so voted.

## TOWN MEETING MEMBERS AT LARGE

	YES	NO	
Cotter, William H		1	Selectman
Cutler, Leslie B		2	Representative
Godfrey, Arthur H	s 51	3	Assessor
Godfrey, Frank E	1		Finance
Grav, Ralph H			Selectman
Hall, W. Bigelow		5	School Committee
Hardy, Henry W		5	Town Counsel
Holden, Clayton L	2		Planning Board
Mackintosh, Arnold			Treasurer
Mann, David E			Board of Health
Peterson, Marian S		6	Town Clerk
Pond, George M.			Selectman
Wragg, Samuel H			Moderator

# TOWN MEETING MEMBERS YES

	YES	NO
Ackroyd, James A.		
Ackroyd, J. Roland	5	
Allen, Richard M	6	
Anderson, Elizabeth E		7
Angell, Cyril N	7	
Atchinson, Fred G.		
Bailey, John M		8
Bailey, William P		9
Bartlett, F. Parker, Jr		10
Beers, David L	8	
Bell, Frank A	9	
Bell, Theodore P	10	
Bennett, Pierce B	11	
Bezanson, Stanley O	12	
Bigelow, Lloyd T.		
Binney, Ralph M.		
Birkett, Arthur H		
Blaisdell, Herbert E		11
Blake, Stuart L.	13	1.1
Bliss, Lucy E	10	12
Bloh, Adolph A	14	12
Bloh, Paul T.	* *	13
Blum, Robert		14
Bond, Jerry, Jr.		15
Bond, Raymond L.	15	10
Brady, Gertrude A	10	
Bragg, Frances K.		16
Brearley, Sidney P.		17
Brion, John N.	16	11
Brooks, Walter A.		18
Brown, Harry A.		10
Brown, Maurice V.	17	
Burnham, Richard D.	1 /	9
Burr, Frances H.		9
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Burr, I. Tucker, Jr		
Burton, Clarence S		

## TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

	YES	NO
Campbell, Donald R		
Carpenger, Charles A		20
Cassidy, W. Ansel Cassidy, William S.		
Caulton Laurence C	1.0	21
Chambers, Ralph F.	18	22
Chambers, Ralph E		44
Christophe, Kenneth		
Church, Harold B		
Churchill, Eva H	19	
Clarenbach, Walter R	20	
Claxton, Philip H		23
Coburn, Almon G		
Condit, Edward M		
Cookson, Clyde E	2.4	24
Courtenay, Helen S	21	25
Cowdrey, Irving H		25
Crastree, H. Kent		26 27
Crossman, Thomas J. Crowley, Florance M.		21
Cruickshank, James E	22	
Curren, Arthur G		
Cutler, Horace W., Jr.		28
Daley, John J		29
Daniels, A. Richards		30
Day, Robert F.		
Denner, Herbert J.	23	
Dodge, Herbert L		31
Donahue, L. Charles		32
Dubois, Theresa H		22
Dunn, Alice BEaton, Chester W.	24	33
Eaton, Donald A	25	
Eaton, Laurence E	20	34
Elliott, Byron K	26	01
Elliott, Byron K Eastman, Harold F		35
Fanning, Fred L	27	
Farley, John W		
Farrell, John F		
Fay, Earl C.		
Field, Blake H	20	36
Fletcher, Louis E	28	
Flint, Chester R		
Flood, Frank L		37
Fox, M. HelenFranz, Paul		31
Frost, Fred L.		
Fuller, Adah G.	29	
Gaudet, Ralph L.	30	
Gay, William H	31	
Glover, Frederic L		
Grasso, Lincoln E		38
Guild, Henry R		
Hall, Katherine B	20	39
Hall, Ray C	32	
Haller, Julius F	33	
Hamlin, Willard B	34	
Hammersley, Samson	J-1	40
Harkins John F.		41

	YES	NO
Hartshorn, Alfred P	35	
Hauptman, Joseph W		42
Heald, Everett H		43
Henderson, Daniel C		44
Hersey, Henry D		
Hodgdon, Clyde V.		
Hodgman, Frederick H., Jr.		
Hoitt, H. Milton		45
Hollis, Stanley M		46
Holt A Starling		47
Holt, A. Sterling	36	41
Holt, George W	30	10
Holt, R. Ashley	37	48
Hopkins, George H	31	40
Horr, George D		49
Howe, Parkman D	20	
Humphrey, Gornam W	38	
Hunter, Albert E	39	
Johnson, Arthur G.	40	
Johnson, Lloyd T. Johnson, Marcel E.		
Johnson, Marcel E	41	
Johnston, Stewart B	42	
Jost, Nelson M		
Kezer, Vernal E.		
Kimball, Harry W.		
Kimball, Robert M	43	
King, Arthur L	44	
King, Robert N		50
Larson, N. HenryLatham, Robert J	45	
Lawson, Harold M		
Linscott, Paul H		51
Litchfield, Lemont D		52
Lomas, Livingston H		02
Loomis, Harold G		
Loomis, Samuel	46	
Louden, Ronald D.	10	
MacGregor, Forbes	47	
MacGregor, Politics	41	
MacGregor, John		53
Mann, William A		54
March, Roland C		
March, Roland C., Jr.		55
Martin, Harry		
Martin, Howard H		
Mills, Chester R		
Mitchell, William	4.0	
Moore, Herbert L	48	
Morse, Carleton D	49	
Morse, Prescott B		56
Moulton, Eldon L		
Moulton, Gretta S		57
Moulton, Horace P	50	
Murdoch, David		58
McCulloch, Kenneth J		
McIntosh, Alan H		59
Vicintosh Charles B	51	
McIntosh, Theodore	52	
McIntosh, Theodore McKinlay, J. Allan	53	
Newman, Derwood H		60
Nichols, Hollis P.	54	
Nickerson Ellis M	55	

## TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

	YES	NC
Nickerson, Enos G		61
Nickerson, Paul U	56	
Norman, Frederick W	57	
Noyes, George H		62
Nutt, Roger W	58	,
Packard, Leonard O	59	
Page, Edwin W. L	60	
Page, Robert W.	61	
Paige, Percy H	62	
Perry, Rebecca H		63
Phelan, John V	63	
Pinkham, Everett C		64
Potter, George A		65
Preble, Julia M		66
Proctor, Letty S		
Putnam, Harold		67
Rawstron, Stanley		
Reeves, Alice W		68
Reeves, Ralph F		
Rice, Russell J.		69
Richards, Karl W		0,
Richardson, Joseph P.	64	
Richwagen, Earl W.	01	
Richwagen, Paul B		
Richwagen, Paul B		70
Rising, Philip D.		71
Robinson, Harry J.		/ 1
Doopoy Thomas I		72
Rooney, Thomas J		73
Sanbarn James V	65	13
Sanborn, James K	03	74
Sanders, Richard B	66	14
Sargent, Sullivan A., Jr	66	75
Sayce, Edward G		13
Shaw, Francis W		
Simon, Philip		76
Small, Asa M	67	76
Smith, Harold A	67	77
Smith, Myron	<b>(0</b>	77
Smith, Roger W.	68	
Southworth, Winthrop M.	69	
Spicer, Charles E.	70	
Stanley, Arthur R		
Stanley, Edgar S		= 0
Stanwood, Francis J		78
Steere, Ruth E		79
Stephens, Brad		
Stevens, Ritchie L		
Stevenson, nerbert r		80
Stewart, Sidney		81
Stewart, Sidney Sturtevant, Justus H.	71	
Swigart, Donald W	72	
Talmadge, Nelson A		82
Taylor, Frank E		
Taylor, John F., Jr. Teele, Stanley F.	73	
Teele, Stanley F	74	
Thomas, Roby S	75	
Thomas, Roby S. Thorpe, Evan C.		83
Tocci, Albert W		84
Tocci, Matthew		85
Twigg, Iulia B.		86

	YES	NO
Ulbrich, M. Alfred		
Vincent, Harold T		87
Wainwright, Edwin M		88
Walker, Laurence D	76	
Walton, Harold R	77	
Warren, George E.		00
Webb, Owen		89
Welch, Thomas H	70	90
Weld, J. Linzee		
Wells, Curtis R		
Whetton, John J.		91
Whitney, Carleton F		91
Whitney, Susie G	80	92
Wilkinson, Holley A	00	93
Willgoose, Dorathea M		94
Willgoose, Laura G. Winslow, Gordon B.		74
Wood, Beatrice A		95
Worth, Blanche S		96
Wragg, George M.		-0
Wye, Percy E.		
Wyeth, Stimson		

The following substitute motion by the School Committee, as amended by Mr. Warren, carried and it was

*Voted*: That the sum of \$515,441.45 be appropriated for the School Department, and that the additional sum of \$231.62, being the income from the Dwight School Fund, be transferred to the School Department, the total of \$515,673.07 to be expended as follows:

All Salaries	\$418,223.07
General Control	2,200.00
Instruction	19,000.00
Operation	26,000.00
Maintenance	21,000.00
Auxiliary Agencies	7,400.00
Outlay	8,400.00
Travel (Out-of-State)	150.00
Transportation	10,800.00
Vocational Tuition	2,500.00
To which the following amendment was added a	nd adopted:

*Voted:* That the substitute motion of the School Committee be amended by increasing the total amount of money to be appropriated thereunder for the School Department by the sum of \$2,500.00 and by adding thereto the following new item:

At this point of the Meeting the Library Trustees moved for reconsideration of the budget of the Library, but the motion was not accepted and reconsideration did not prevail.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

*Voted*: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow money from time to

time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949, and to issue any note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to exempt from the operation of the Rules and Regulations governing the Classification of Personnel Service and the Standard Rates of Salary, adopted by the Town under Article 8 of the 1945 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, for the current year all that part pertaining to the "Hospital Department."

Voted: That the Town exempt from the operation of the Rules and Regulations governing the Classification of Personnel Service and the Standard Rates of Salary, adopted by the Town under Article #8 of the 1945 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, for the current year all that part pertaining to the "Hospital Department."

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rules and Regulations governing the Classification of Personnel Service and the Standard Rates of Salary adopted by the Town under Article 8 of the 1945 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, by substitution for all that part appearing under the caption "Hospital Department," the following:

Proposed Minimum \$3,360.00 2,280.00 Assistant Superintendent (Living out) ..... 2,520.00 Operating Room Superintendent
Operating Room Nurse
Graduate General Duty Nurse (Living in)
Graduate General Duty Nurse (Living out) 2,220.00 1,980.00 Attendant Nurse (Living in) ..... 1,380.00 Attendant Nurse (Living out) ..... 1,620.00 Laboratory Technician ..... 1,980.00 2,160.00 Night Superintendent ..... 2,220.00 Janitor..... Kitchen Maid ..... 1,500.00 Medical Secretary ..... 2,080.00 Recording Librarian ..... 1,976.00 Cook ..... 2,080.00 Laundress Ward Maid 2,236.00 1,664.00 General Maid ..... 1.820.00

or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Rules and Regulations governing the Classification of Personnel Service and the Standard Rates of Salary, adopted by the Town under Article 8 of the 1945 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, by striking out all that part appearing under the caption "Library" and by inserting in place thereof the following:

	Minimum	Maximum
Librarian	\$3,000.00	\$3,300.00
Assistant Librarian	2,400.00	2,700.00
Cataloguer	2,200.00	2,500.00
Children's Librarian	2,200.00	2,500.00

	Minimum	Maximum
Circulation Librarian	\$1,900.00	\$2,200.00
Clerical Librarian	1,600.00	1,900.00
Library Assistant		1,700.00
Custodian	2,300.00	2,600.00

as recommended by the Library Trustees, or take any other action relative thereto.

The following Substitute Motion by the Library Trustees did not carry.

Moved: That the Town amend its Rules and Regulations governing the Classification of Personnel Service and the Standard Rates of Salary, adopted by the Town under Article #8 of the 1945 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, by striking out all that part appearing under the caption "Library" and by inserting in place thereof the following:

	Minimum	Maximum
Librarian	\$2,610.00	\$2,910.00
Assistant Librarian	2,100.00	2,400.00
Cataloguer	1,920.00	2,220.00
Children's Librarian	1,920.00	2,220.00
Circulation Librarian	1,740.00	2,040.00
Clerical Librarian	1,400.00	1,700.00
Library Assistant	1,250.00	1,550.00
Custodian	2,040.00	2,340.00

and it was

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Committee to make a study and to prepare a plan classifying the employees of the Town, other than those appointed or employed by the School Committee, into groups and classes doing substantially similar work or having substantially equal responsibilities, and to recommend minimum and maximum salaries to be paid to all employees in any position or group of positions so classified, as provided in Chapter 540, Acts of 1947, said plan and recommendations to be presented at the next Annual Town Meeting; to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$200.00 for the use of said Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town establish a Committee of five members, one to be selected by the Finance Committee, one to be selected by the Board of Selectmen, one to be selected by the Needham Taxpayers' Association, and two, one of whom shall be a Town employee, to be appointed by the Moderator; that this Committee be and is hereby authorized and directed to make a study and to prepare a plan classifying the employees of the Town, other than those appointed or employed by the School Committee, into groups and classes doing substantially similar work or having substantially equal responsibilities, and to recommend minimum and maximum salaries to be paid to all employees in any position or group of positions so classified, as provided in Chapter 540, Acts of 1947, said plan and recommendations to be presented at the 1949 Annual Town Meeting; and that the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated to the use of said Committee.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$400.00 for instructing aliens residing in the Town of Needham in Americanism and preparation for citizenship, said instruction to be under the supervision of the School Committee; on petition of Ethelyn H. Livingston and others; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$300.00 be appropriated for instructing adult aliens residing in the Town of Needham in Americanism and preparation for citizenship, said instruction to be under the supervision of the School Committee and classes for such instruction to be scheduled and held in School Department buildings at times when said buildings are open and in use for other purposes.

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 for maintaining the sanitary condition of Rosemary Lake and for the preparation and upkeep of Rosemary Beach, to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated for maintaining the sanitary condition of Rosemary Lake and for the preparation and upkeep of Rosemary Beach, same to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$350.00 for the purchase from Rocco and Frank Grasso of the land on the Easterly side of the Circumferential Highway taken by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway purposes, containing 30,000 square feet more or less, for use as the site of a pumping station, such purchase to be made upon the abandonment of said land by the Commonwealth; authorize said purchase, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town purchase from Rocco and Frank Grasso for \$350.00 the land on the Easterly side of the Circumferential Highway taken by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway purposes, containing 30,000 square feet more or less, for use as the site of a pumping station, such purchase to be made upon the abandonment of said land by the Commonwealth, the cost of such purchase to be taken from the appropriation under Article No. 29 of this Warrant.

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**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Road maintenance; transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the total cost, this amount, when received by way of reimbursement from the State and County, to be restored to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Road maintenance, and that in addition the sum of \$2,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account to meet the State and County shares of the cost, the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored upon receipt to the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$37,500.00 for the installation of storm water drains in the following private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town:

Whittier, Lancaster and Fuller Roads Nevada Road Brookline Street Stockdale Road Overlook Road Robinwood Avenue Manning Street Lester Street

determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following Substitute Motion was offered by the Selectmen.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$37,500.00 be appropriated for the installation of storm water drains in the following private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town:

Whittier, Lancaster and Fuller Roads
Nevada Road
Brookline Street
Stockdale Road

Overlook Road
Robinwood Avenue
Manning Street
Lester Street

The following amendment to the Substitute Motion of the Selectmen was offered by William P. Bailey.

*Moved:* That the motion, as now before this Town Meeting, be amended by adding after it's final sentence the following, namely:

Whatever sums of money are spent for storm water drainage systems out of this appropriation, shall be added eventually to the other costs of building each respective street, at such a time as each be accepted and be built under the Betterment Act, and be included in the total costs ultimately apportioned and assessed against abutting property owners, by Town officers, in the usual manner; but with due regard for any benefits that, through the installation of such drainage systems, may accrue to any other adjacent or connecting public ways; so that the Town, wherever possible and equitable, shall be re-imbursed, ultimately for the full costs of such storm water drains.

Mr. Cotter raised a point of order on Mr. Bailey's amendment, — that it exceeds the scope of the original article. The Chair ruled that the amendment is beyond the scope of the article. Mr. Bailey contended that the amendment is within the scope of the article, whereupon the Chair asked if there were seven people who doubted the ruling of the Chair. This not being the case, the Moderator's ruling stood.

Mr. Burnham then offered the following Substitute Motion.

Moved: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$24,150 for the installation of storm water drains in the following private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town:

Nevada, Whittier, Lancaster and Fuller Roads; Overlook Road and Manning Street.

The Substitute Motion offered by the Selectmen was voted upon first, and the duly appointed tellers were asked to count the vote. The result was 56 yes and 104 no, and the substitute motion did not carry. The Substitute Motion offered by Mr. Burnham was next voted upon and did not carry. The motion of the Finance Committee carried and it was

*Voted*: That the sum of \$17,150.00 be appropriated for the installation of storm water drains in the following private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town:

Whittier, Lancaster and Fuller Roads \$10,500.00
Overlook Road. 5,000.00
Manning Street 1,650.00

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$41,000.00 for extending the storm water drainage system in Town ways as proposed by the Department of Public Works; determine how such money shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$19,550.00 be appropriated for extending the storm water drainage system in the following named Town ways:

Central Avenue, at Hurd's Corner	\$7,500.00
Pickering Street	5,400.00
Webster Street, at Howland Street	3,000.00
Green Street	2,500.00
Great Plain Avenue	1,150.00

and that said sum of \$19,550.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purpose.

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for extending a storm water drain from Lewis Street, in and through private property off Newell Avenue to provide an outlet for excess water from Gage Street, as requested by the abutters; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following motion for the abutters was accepted and it was

*Voted*: That the sum of \$1,500.00 be appropriated for extending a storm water drain from Lewis Street, in and through private property off Newell Avenue to provide an outlet for excess water from Gage Street.

The Substitute Motion for the Finance Committee, that this article be dismissed, did not carry.

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 for improving parks at various locations in the Town; determine how such money shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following Substitute Motion did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated for the improving of parks at various locations in the Town.

Upon motion offered by the Finance Committee it was

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the construction of permanent sidewalks under the Betterment Act, as petitioned for by abutters; determine how such money shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted*: That the sum of \$2,500.00 be appropriated for the construction of permanent sidewalks under the Betterment Act.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept portions of Highgate Street and Wyoming Avenue as Town ways, from Nichols Road to Thornton Road, in accordance with a plan on file with the Town Clerk, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; to establish said ways; to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$10,000.00 therefor; to determine how said money shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town accept as Town ways those portions of Highgate Street and Wyoming Avenue between Nichols Road and Thornton Road, in accordance with a plan on file with the Town Clerk; that said ways be established; and that the sum of \$10,000.00 be appropriated for the cost of their construction under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept Blackman Terrace, off Grosvenor Road, as a Town way, in accordance with a plan on file with the Town Clerk, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; to establish said way; to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$700.00 therefor; to determine how said money shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town accept Blackman Terrace, off Grosvenor Road, as a Town way, in accordance with a plan on file with the Town Clerk; that said way be established; and that the sum of \$700.00 be appropriated for the cost of its construction under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$7,000.00 for the alteration of and specific repairs upon specific Town ways, together with connections at all intersecting ways; determine how such money shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following Substitute Motion by the Selectmen did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$7,000.00 be appropriated for the alteration of and specific repairs upon specific Town ways, including connections at intersecting ways.

It was then

*Voted*: That the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated for the alteration of and specific repairs upon specific Town ways, including connections at intersecting ways.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$210,000.00 for the construction of a sewerage pumping station in North Needham, for the installation of a force main and a gravity line between the pumping station and the intersection of Highland Avenue and Webster Street, and for the extension of the sewerage system in streets as petitioned for by abutters under the Betterment Act; determine how such money shall be raised, whether by borrowing, by transfer from available funds or from the current tax levy; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$210,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing a sewerage pumping station in North Needham, installing a force main and a gravity line between said pumping station and the intersection of Highland Avenue and Webster Street in the Town, and for the extension of the sewerage system in streets as petitioned for by abutters under the Betterment Act; and that said sum be raised as follows: that the sum of \$10,000.00 be raised from the current tax levy; and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be and is hereby authorized to borrow the balance of \$200,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 19, as amended, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than ten (10) years.

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**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$28,166.88 for the payment of bonds and bond interest on sewer construction loans due in 1948; determine how such money shall be raised; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$28,166.88 be appropriated for the payment of bonds and bond interest on sewer construction loans due in 1948, and

that said sum be raised by a transfer of \$859.25 from the Bond Premium Account and a transfer of \$27,307.63 from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Fund.

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the construction of particular sewers and connecting drains to buildings, under the provisions of law authorizing assessments; determine how such money shall be raised, whether by borrowing, by transfer from available funds or from the current tax levy; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$20,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the construction of particular sewers and connecting drains to buildings, under the provisions of law authorizing assessments; and that for said purpose the sum of \$1,138.55 be raised from the current tax levy and that the balance of \$18,861.45 be raised by a transfer of the unexpended balances of the following appropriations, in the amounts as indicated:

Public Safety Appropriation	\$120.00
Public Safety Appropriation	
Veterans Advisory Committee	627.32
Police Signal System	326.01
Drains under Article No. 24 of 1947	301.28
Drains under Article No. 29 of 1946	3,000.00
Drains under Article No. 45 of 1946	1,200.00
Public Works Garage, Article No. 32 of 1947	199.38
Sidewalks, Article No. 23 of 1947	1,266.55
Clarke Road construction, Article No. 36 of 1946	918.98
Intervale Road construction, Article No. 48 of 1946	581.69
Meadowbrook Road construction, Article No. 38 of 1946.	1,058.43
Norwich Road construction, Article No. 49 of 1946	999.82
Pilgrim Road construction, Article No. 41 of 1946	374.95
Valley Road construction, Article No. 50 of 1946	581.82
Wendling Road construction, Article No. 46 of 1946	2,189.10
New well construction, Article No. 31 of 1945	5,000.00
Needham Veterans' Housing Committee	116.12

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$100.00 for the installation of street lights on the following named private ways, as requested by the abutters;

Carey Road Barrett Street
Douglas Road Frances Street

Elder Road

authorize the installation of such lights; determine how such money shall be raised; or take any other action relative thereto.

An amendment was offered and accepted, to include Douglas Road in the list of streets

and it was

Voted: That the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated for the installation of street lights on the following named private ways, as requested by the abutters:

Carey Road Barrett Street
Elder Road Frances Street
Wyoming Avenue Douglas Road

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$63,000.00 for water main construction and extension of house services; determine how such money shall be raised,

whether by borrowing, by transfer from available funds, or from the current tax levy; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$63,000.00 be raised and appropriated for new water main extensions and house services, the said sum to be raised as follows:

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$6,000.00 for the improvement of lighting conditions in the business districts of the Town; determine how such money shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following Substitute Motion offered by the Selectmen did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated for the improvement of lighting conditions in the business districts of the Town, the same to be expended under the supervision of the Public Works Department.

It was

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$4,500.00 for purchasing and installing dehumidifying equipment for the offices in the basement of the Town Hall, determine how such money shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following motion did not carry.

Moved: That the sum of \$4,500.00 be appropriated for the purchase and installation of de-humidifying equipment for the offices in the basement of the Town Hall, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen, and that said sum be raised by a transfer of \$4,500.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund.

Upon Substitute Motion offered by the Finance Committee it was

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in its discretion, to enter into agreement on behalf of the Town for the acquisition, installation and maintenance of parking meters in the Town, such agreement to provide that payments thereunder shall be made over a period not exceeding five years without appropriation, from fees received for the use of such parking meters, as authorized by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1947; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish fess for the use of such parking meters, as provided in said Act; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following motion did not carry.

Moved: That the Board of Selectmen, in its discretion, be authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Town for the acquisition, in-

stallation and maintenance of parking meters in the Town, such agreement to provide that payments thereunder shall be made over a period not exceeding five years without appropriation, from fees received for the use of such parking meters, as authorized by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1947; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to establish fees for the use of such parking meters, as provided in said Act.

At 10:30 o'clock P.M., it was *Voted* to adjourn to Monday, March 22, 1948, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,

Town Clerk.

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

#### March 22, 1948

Pursuant to adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting held March 17, 1948, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the Town Hall on Monday, March 22, 1948, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 258 men and 74 women were checked on the lists as being present. There were 211 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock by the Moderator, who proceeded to present the remaining articles in the Warrant.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$4,548.26 for the payment of sewer betterments assessed against the Town for sewers installed in certain streets abutting Town-owned land.

*Voted*: That the sum of \$4,548.26 be raised and appropriated for the payment of sewer betterments assessed against the Town for sewers installed in certain streets abutting Town-owned land.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$27,500.00 for the additional cost of constructing the new fire station at Needham Heights, the same to be added to the appropriation of \$67,500.00 already made for such purpose by the vote under Article 55 of the 1946 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; determine how such additional money shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how it shall be expended, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$23,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the additional cost of constructing the new fire station at Needham Heights, the same to be added to the appropriation of \$67,500.00 already made for such purpose by vote of the Town under Article No. 55 of the 1946 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; and that said sum be raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

**Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,300.00 for the purchase of cafeteria equipment for the schools of the Town, the same to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$1,300.00 be raised and appropriated for the purchase of cafeteria equipment for the schools of the Town, the same to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee; and that said sum be raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the purpose of renovating,

reconstructing and adding to the Emery Grover School building, determine whether the appropriation shall be raised by taxation, but borrowing or by transfer from available funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following Substitute Motion by the School Committee carried, and it was

Voted: That the substance of this article be referred for study and recommendations to the special committee established under Article No. 3 of the Special Town Meeting of January 29, 1948; that said special committee be authorized and directed, in addition to its duties relative to the survey of the Harris School District, to undertake the continuation of the survey of present and future school needs commenced by the special committee established under Article No. 79 of the 1946 Annual Town Meeting; that said new committee include in its survey a study of the use and needs of the Emery Grover School building; that said committee established under Article No. 4 of the Special Town Meeting of January 29, 1948, be continued until the 1949 Annual Town Meeting for the foregoing purposes, making a complete report with its recommendations to said Town Meeting; and that the sum of \$350., being the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the use of the special committee established under Article 79 of the 1946 Annual Town Meeting be transferred to the special committee established under Article No. 4 of the Special Town Meeting of January 29, 1948, for the use of the latter committee.

**Article 41.** To see in what way and for what purpose the Town will vote to make use of the Norris Farm House, whether for the care and hospitalization of aged and infirm residents of the Town, for dwellings for veterans of World War II and their families, or for some other purpose.

The following Substitute Motion carried and it was

Voted: To defer action on this article until after action on Article 43.

**Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$22,500.00 for the purpose of renovating and furnishing the Norris Farm house for use in the care and hospitalization of aged and infirm residents of the Town, as recommended by the Board of Public Welfare; determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise, and how it shall be expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the purpose of renovating, repairing and reconstructing the Norris Farm house and adapting it for the emergency housing of veterans of World War II and their families, under the authority of all applicable statutes, as recommended by the Veterans Emergency Housing Committee; determine how such money shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following Substitute Motion by Mr. Phelan did not carry.

Moved: That the sum of \$25,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of renovating, repairing and reconstructing the Norris Farm House and adapting it for the emergency housing of veterans of World War II and their families, under the authority of all applicable statutes, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Needham Veterans' Emergency Housing Committee.

And it was

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

It having been so voted Article 41 was considered next.

Article 41. To see in what way and for what purpose the Town will vote to make use of the Norris Farm House, whether for the care and hospitalization of aged and infirm residents of the Town, for dwellings for veterans of World War II and their families, or for some other purpose.

The following Substitute Motion by Veterans' Emergency Housing Committee did not carry.

*Moved:* That the Norris Farm House be utilized for emergency dwellings for veterans of World War II and their families.

And it was

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

**Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the general expenses of the Veterans' Emergency Housing Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

**Article 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$6,500.00 for the purchase, installation and maintenance of portable steel grandstands for Memorial Park, as recommended by Memorial Park Trustees; determine how such money shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$6,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purchase, installation and maintenance of portable steel grandstands for Memorial Park, the said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Trustees of Memorial Park; said sum to be raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account; and that the Memorial Park Trustees be and they are hereby authorized and directed to enter into agreements with organizations, other than schools, which shall use said grandstands in connection with athletic contests to which admissions are charged, that a part of the revenue from such paid admissions shall be turned over to the Town.

**Article 46.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the purpose of engaging professional service for an over-all survey of the present and future needs of the Town; determine how such money shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto; on petition of Harold Putnam and others.

The following resolution was offered by Harold Putnam for the Town Plan Sponsors.

Resolved: That it is the sense of this meeting that the Town's Planning Board, in addition to the duties imposed upon it by Chapter 340 of the Acts of 1947, entitled "Improved Method of Municipal Planning," should undertake to co-ordinate and synthesize informational material already available from studies by the School Department, Recreation Commission, Public Works Department, and other Town, State, Federal and private agencies which have reported on physical aspects of the Town's development; that it should give high priority to a consideration of the problems of off-street parking and traffic congestion in Needham Square and to the rapid growth of the school population; that it should recommend for the consideration of future Town Meetings in the order of their priority those planning projects requiring capital outlays; that it should keep the people

of the Town informed of its progress along these lines through the press and submit a detailed report with constructive proposals to the 1949 Annual Town Meeting; and that if it finds that professional help would be useful in carrying out the long-range master planning contemplated in Chapter 340 of the Acts of 1947 and in this Resolution, the Planning Board should request the necessary funds therefor in its regular budget for 1949.

After some discussion it was

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

**Article 47.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the offer of a gift to the Town by Dr. J. Walter Schirmer of approximately  $42\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land adjacent to the Town-owned High Rock Woods, the same to be used permanently as a Town forest and as a bird and wild-life sanctuary, for the encouragement of a greater appreciation of the out-of-doors life among the inhabitants of this and future generations.

Voted: That the Town accept the offer of a gift to the Town by Dr. J. Walter Schirmer of approximately 42½ acres of land adjacent to the Town-owned High Rock Woods, the same to be used permanently as a Town Forest and as a bird and wild-life sanctuary.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$500.00 for the use of the Town Forest Committee in the initial development of the land referred to in the preceding article, the same to be used in conjunction with an equal amount to be given to the Town for said purpose by Dr. J. Walter Schirmer; determine how such money shall be raised; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for the use of the Town Forest Committee in the initial development of the land referred to in the preceding article, the same to be used in conjunction with an equal amount to be given to the Town for said purposes by Dr. J. Walter Schirmer.

**Article 49.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the offer of a gift to the Town by Dr. J. Walter Schirmer of the sum of \$500.00, the same to be used by the Town Forest Committee in the initial development of the land referred to in the second article preceding.

Voted: That the Town accept the offer of a gift to the Town by Dr. J. Walter Schirmer of \$500.00, the same to be used by the Town Forest Committee in the initial development of the land referred to in Article No. 47 of this Warrant.

**Article 50.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the offer of a gift to the Town by Stanley Development Co., Allan R. Legge, Trustee, of a parcel of land containing 40,795 square feet, more or less, and adjoining the Harris School land.

The following motion did not carry.

Moved: That the Town accept the offer of a gift to the Town by Allan R. Legge, Trustee of Stanley Development Co., of a parcel of land containing 40,795 square feet, more or less, and adjoining the Harris School land.

**Article 51.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the offer of a gift to the Town by Needham Cemetery Association of approximately 22,500 square feet of land in Needham Cemetery, the same to be used for the burial of deceased Needham veterans, the word "veterans" to include any

person who has served in the Army, Navy, Coast Guard or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war or insurrection; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town accept the offer of a gift to the Town by Needham Cemetery Association of approximately 22,500 square feet of land in Needham Cemetery, the same to be used for the burial of deceased Needham veterans, the word "veterans" to include any person who has served in the Army, Navy, Air Corps, Coast Guard or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war or insurrection.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$500.00 for the care and improvement during the current year of the land referred to in the preceding article, such sum to be in addition to the amount appropriated at this Meeting for Soldiers' Graves; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted*: That the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the care and improvement during the current year of the land referred to in Article No. 51 of this Warrant, the same to be in addition to the amount previously appropriated at this Meeting for Soldiers' Graves.

**Article 53.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the offer of a gift to the Town by the Women's Association of the Congregational Church of \$250.00, the same to be expended for the benefit of Glover Memorial Hospital; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town accept the offer of a gift to the Town by the Women's Association of the Congregational Church of \$250.00, the same to be expended for the benefit of Glover Memorial Hospital.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$975.00 for the purchase of 11,904 square feet of land adjoining Memorial Park and located at the corner of Highland and Oakland Avenues, said land to be dedicated to park purposes and to become a part of Memorial Park; determine how such money shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$975.00 be raised and appropriated for the purchase of 11,904 square feet of land adjoining Memorial Park and located at the corner of Highland and Oakland Avenues, that said purchase be authorized, and that said land when purchased be dedicated to park purposes and become a part of Memorial Park.

#### Unanimous Vote

Article 55. To see if the Town will dedicate for park purposes a parcel of land off Marked Tree Road and Central Avenue containing approximately 18.63 acres and acquired by the Town by deed dated March 26, 1940, and recorded in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, Book 2274, page 118.

*Voted:* That the Town dedicate for park purposes a parcel of land off Marked Tree Road and Central Avenue containing approximately 18.63 acres and acquired by the Town by deed dated March 26, 1940, recorded in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, Book 2274, Page 118.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to reserve for future school purposes the land on Central Avenue consisting of 16.85 acres more or less, conveyed to the Town by deed dated June 30, 1921, recorded in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, Book 1579, Page 300, as recommended by the School Committee.

Mr. Lawson offered the following Substitute Motion which carried.

Voted: That the subject matter of Article 56 be referred to the Planning Board for further study.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to dedicate to park purposes the Town-owned land in High Rock Woods, consisting of fourteen acres, more or less, and known as the Bullen land, as recommended by the Recreation Committee.

The following Substitute Motion carried and it was

*Voted:* That the consideration of this article be postponed until after action has been taken on Article No. 58.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to sell to Boston Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, for the sum of \$600.00, the Town-owned land in High Rock Woods known as the Bullen land and consisting of fourteen acres, more or less, with provisions in the deed of conveyance that said land shall not be conveyed by the grantee except to the Town, that the grantee shall re-convey to the Town, without cost to the Town, when said land shall cease to be used by the Boys Scout Organization in Needham, and that the grantee will waive all right to damages if and when the Town shall in the future take said land by eminent domain proceedings for municipal purposes; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Selectmen, acting in behalf of the Town, to sell to Boston Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, for the sum of \$575.94, the Town-owned land in High Rock Woods known as the Bullen land and consisting of fourteen acres more or less, with provisions in the deed of conveyance that said land shall not be transferred or conveyed by the grantee except to the Town of Needham; that whenever said land shall cease to be used by the Boy Scout organization in Needham, the grantee shall re-convey the same to the Town on payment to it by the Town of the sum of \$575.94; and that the grantee will waive all right to damages in excess of \$575.94 if and when the Town shall in the future take said land by eminent domain proceedings for municipal purposes.

Unanimous Vote

It having been so voted Article 57 was considered next.

**Article 57.** To see if the Town will vote to dedicate to park purposes the Town-owned land in High Rock Woods, consisting of fourteen acres, more or less, and known as the Bullen land, as recommended by the Recreation Committee.

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

**Article 59.** To see if the Town will vote to dedicate to park purposes the Town-owned land consisting of nine acres, more or less, bordering Rosemary Lake, purchased by authority of the vote under Article 34 of the 1944 Annual Town Meeting, as recommended by the Recreation Committee.

*Voted*: That the Town dedicate to park purposes the Town-owned land consisting of nine acres, more or less, bordering Rosemary Lake, purchased by authority of the vote under Article 34 of the 1944 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 60.** To see if the Town will vote to dedicate to park purposes the Town-owned land in Nehoiden Park known as Louise F. Sheridan Estate, the same being shown as Lot 110 on the Assessors' Plan No. 112.

Voted: That the Town dedicate to park purposes the Town-owned land in Nehoiden Park known as Louise F. Sheridan Estate, the same being shown as Lot 110 on the Assessors' Plan No. 112.

**Article 61.** To see if the Town will vote to set aside for recreation purposes that portion of the Norris Farm area recommended in the report of the Special Committee appointed to make a study of recreational areas under Article 43 of the 1947 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, as recommended by the Recreation Committee.

Mr. Godfrey moved that this article be placed at the end of the warrant and it was so voted.

**Article 62.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Committee to make a study and report to the 1949 Annual Town Meeting on the possible use of available Town-owned land for recreation purposes, as recommended by the Recreation Committee.

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

**Article 63.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to execute a ten-year lease to Needham Golf Club of the water-shed land now occupied by it and owned by the Town at an annual rental of \$100.00 — on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to execute a ten-year lease to Needham Golf Club of the water-shed land now occupied by it and owned by the Town at an annual rental of \$100.00, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may in their discretion determine.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General By-Laws by adding thereto the following new article:

## ARTICLE VIII Penalties

Whoever performs an act or carries on a business or an activity within the Town for which a license or permit is required by the provisions of these General By-Laws, the Building, Plumbing and Electrical Wiring By-Laws and the Zoning By-Laws, without having a valid outstanding license or permit to perform such an act or carry on such business or activity, shall, unless a specific penalty is provided elsewhere in said By-Laws, be punished by a fine of not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.

*Voted*: That the Town's General By-Laws be amended by adding thereto the following new article:

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### Penalties

Whoever performs an act or carries on a business or an activity within the Town for which a license or permit is required by the provisions of these General By-Laws, the Building, Plumbing and Electrical Wiring By-Laws and the Zoning By-Laws, without having a valid outstanding license or permit to perform such an act or to carry on such business or activity, shall, unless a specific penalty is provided elsewhere in said By-Laws, be punished by a fine of not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.

**Article 65.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Electrical Wiring By-Law by adding thereto a new section to be designated Section 13, as follows:

Section 13. Fees for Permits. Fees for permits under this bylaw shall be paid to the Inspector of Wires, for the use of the Town. A basic charge of \$1.00 shall be made for each permit, including annual permits.

In addition, according to the nature of the permit, charges will be made as provided in the following schedules:

#### New Building Construction

For Residential Occupancy not over 5 rooms — \$5.00.

For Residential Occupancy over 5 rooms — \$5.00 plus \$0.50 per room for all over 5 rooms.

For Commercial Occupancy — \$0.75 per kilowatt of estimated connected load, but not less than \$5.00.

For Industrial Occupancy — \$0.25 per kilowatt of estimated connected load, but not less than \$10.00.

#### Extensions or Alterations of Existing Installations

For Residential Occupancy — Not involving change of service facilities — \$0.50.

For Residential Occupancy — Involving change of service facilities — \$1.50.

For Commercial Occupancy — Same as for New Construction except not less than \$1.50.

For Industrial Occupancy—Same as for New Construction except not less than \$2.50.

#### Temporary Installations

Where temporary service connections are required in advance of completion of permanent installation a charge of \$1.00 shall be added to the applicable schedule above.

For the purposes of this section motor ratings will be estimated on the following basis:

Motor rating  $\frac{3}{4}$  horsepower and above — 1 Kilowatt per h.p. Motor rating  $\frac{1}{6}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  horsepower —  $\frac{1}{2}$  Kilowatt each Motor ratings below  $\frac{1}{6}$  horsepower —  $\frac{1}{4}$  Kilowatt each

*Voted*: That the Town's Electrical Wiring By-Law be amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated Section 13, as follows:

Section 13. Fees for Permits. Fees for permits under this bylaw shall be paid to the Inspector of Wires, for the use of the Town. A basic charge of \$1.00 shall be made for each permit, including annual permits.

In addition, according to the nature of the permit, charges will be made as provided in the following schedules:

#### New Building Construction

For Residential Occupancy not over 5 rooms — \$5.00.

For Residential Occupancy over 5 rooms — \$5.00 plus \$0.50 per room for all over 5 rooms.

For Commercial Occupancy — \$0.75 per kilowatt of estimated connected load, but not less than \$5.00.

For Industrial Occupancy — \$0.25 per kilowatt of estimated connected load, but not less than \$10.00.

Extensions or Alterations of Existing Installations

For Residential Occupancy — Not involving change of service facilities - \$0.50.

For Residential Occupancy — Involving change of service facilities — \$1.50.

For Commercial Occupancy — Same as for New Construction except not less than \$1.50.

For Industrial Occupancy - Same as for New Construction except not less than \$2.50.

#### Temporary Installations

Where temporary service connections are required in advance of completion of permanent installation a charge of \$1.00 shall be added to the applicable schedule above.

For the purposes of this section motor ratings will be estimated on the following basis:

Motor rating ¾ horsepower and above — 1 Kilowatt per h.p. Motor rating  $\frac{1}{6}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  horsepower —  $\frac{1}{2}$  Kilowatt each Motor ratings below  $\frac{1}{6}$  horsepower —  $\frac{1}{4}$  Kilowatt each

**Article 66.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Electrical Wiring By-Law by striking out Section 10 thereof and by substituting therefor a new Section 10, as follows:

Section 10. Standards for the Installation of Electrical Equipment. All installations of electrical equipment shall be reasonably safe to persons and property and in conformity with the provisions of this By-Law and the applicable statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and all orders, rules and regulations issued by authority thereof.

Conformity of installations of electrical equipment with applicable regulations set forth in the National Electrical Code, National Electrical Safety Code, or electrical provisions of other safety codes, which have been approved by the American Standards Association, shall be prima facie evidence that such installations are reasonably safe to persons and property.

The Inspector of Wires may, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, authorize installations of special wiring methods. as recommended by the Committee for Revision of Codes and Fees; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town's Electrical Wiring By-Law be amended by striking out Section 10 thereof and by substituting therefor a new Section 10, as follows:

Section 10. Standards for the Installation of Electrical Equipment. All installations of electrical equipment shall be reasonably safe to persons and property and in conformity with the provisions of this By-Law and the applicable statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and all orders, rules and regulations issued by authority thereof.

Conformity of installations of electrical equipment with applicable regulations set forth in the National Electrical Code, National Electrical Safety Code, or electrical provisions of other safety codes, which have been approved by the American Standards Association, shall be *prima facie* evidence that such installations are resaon-

ably safe to persons and property.

The Inspector of Wires may, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, authorize installations of special wiring methods.

**Article 67.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Electrical Wiring By-Law by striking out Section 11 thereof and by substituting therefor a new Section 11, as follows:

Section 11. Standards of Electrical Equipment. All electrical equipment installed or used shall be reasonably safe to persons and property and in conformity with the provisions of this By-Law, the applicable statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and any orders, rules or regulations issued by authority thereof.

Conformity of electrical equipment with applicable standards of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., shall be *prima facie* evidence that such equipment is reasonably safe to persons and property.

This section shall not apply to equipment owned and used by an electricity supply or communication agency in the generation, transmission or distribution of electricity or for the operation of signals or the transmission of intelligence.

The Inspector of Wires may, with the approval of the Board of

Selectmen, authorize the installation of special equipment.

as recommended by the Committee for Revision of Codes and Fees; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Electrical Wiring By-Law be amended by striking out Section 11 thereof and by substituting therefor a new Section 11, as follows:

Section 11. Standards for Electrical Equipment. All electrical equipment installed or used shall be reasonably safe to persons and property and in conformity with the provisions of this By-Law, the applicable statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and any orders, rules or regulations issued by authority thereof.

Conformity of electrical equipment with applicable standards of Underwiters' Laboratories, Inc., shall be *prima facie* evidence that such equipment is reasonably safe to persons and property.

This section shall not apply to equipment owned and used by an electricity supply or communication agency in the generation, transmission or distribution of electricity or for the operation of signals or the transmission of intelligence.

The Inspector of Wires may, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, authorize the installation of special equipment.

**Article 68.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Building By-Laws by striking out Section 6 of Article I thereof and by substituting a new Section 6 in place thereof, as follows:

Section 6. Fees for Permits. Fees for permits under this By-Law shall be paid to the Building Inspector for the use of the Town in accordance with the following schedule:

For single family dwelling with estimated cost not exceeding \$5,000 — \$5.00, and \$1.00 additional for each \$1,000 of estimated cost above \$5,000.

For separate garage buildings — single car garage — \$2.00, and \$1.00 additional for each additional car space per garage.

For all commercial buildings with estimated cost not exceeding \$5,000 — \$5.00, and \$1.00 additional for each additional \$1,000 of estimated cost above \$5,000.

For all other buildings with estimated cost not exceeding \$2,000 — \$2.00, and \$1.00 additional for each additional \$1,000 of estimated cost above \$2,000.

For alterations and repairs involving only shingling of roof and/or side walls — \$1.00.

For all other alterations and repairs, which may include shingling of roof and/or side walls, with estimated cost not exceeding \$1,000 — \$1.00, and \$1.00 additional for each additional \$1,000 of estimated cost above \$1,000.

For elevator installations — \$5.00 for each shaft.

as recommended by the Committee for Revision of Codes and Fees; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Building By-Laws be amended by striking out Section 6 of Article I thereof and by substituting therefor a new Section 6, as follows

Section 6. Fees for Permits. Fees for permits under this By-Law shall be paid to the Building Inspector for the use of the Town in accordance with the following schedules:

For single family dwellings with estimated cost not exceeding \$5,000 — \$5.00, and \$1.00 additional for each \$1,000 of estimated cost above \$5,000.

For separate garage buildings — single car garage — \$2.00, and \$1.00 additional for each additional car space per garage.

For all commercial buildings with estimated cost not exceeding \$5,000 - \$5.00, and \$1.00 additional for each additional \$1,000 of estimated cost above \$5,000.

For all other buildings with estimated cost not exceeding \$2,000 — \$2.00, and \$1.00 additional for each additional \$1,000 of estimated cost above \$2,000.

For alterations and repairs involving only shingling of roof and/or side walls — \$1.00.

For all other alterations and repairs, which may include shingling of roof and/or side walls, with estimated cost not exceeding \$1,000 — \$1.00, and \$1.00 additional for each additional \$1,000 of estimated cost above \$1,000.

For elevator installations — \$5.00 for each shaft.

**Article 69.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General By-Laws by adding at the end of the present Section 10 of Article II thereof, relating to the assignment of numbers to buildings, the following:

The owner and occupant of each building in the Town to which a number has been thus assigned shall maintain said number on said building at all times in such a manner that the number will be clear and conspicuous and the view of same will not be obstructed.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Frank Godfrey moved that the article be dismissed. After some discussion he withdrew his motion for dismissal and offered the following amendment.

"Provided, that the fine imposed by Article VIII shall not apply to violations of this section."

The following motion by Mr. Martin did not carry.

Moved: That this article be dismissed.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Godfrey's amendment, which carried.

A count of hands was taken by the tellers on the original article and it was

*Voted:* That the Town's General By-Laws be amended by adding at the end of the present Section 10 of Article II thereof the following:

The owner and occupant of each building in the Town to which a number has been thus assigned shall maintain said number on said building at all times in such a manner that the number will be clear and conspicuous and the view of same will not be obstructed.

93 yes 87 no

**Article 70.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General By-Laws by striking out the first sentence of Section 5 of Article VII thereof, under the caption "Glover Memorial Hospital" — "Meetings of Trustees," which sentence reads: "The Board of Trustees shall meet on the second Wednesday of each month," and by inserting in place thereof the following: "The Board of Trustees shall meet monthly at a time and place to be determined by them;" or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town's General By-Laws be amended by striking out the first sentence of Section 5 of Article VII thereof, under the caption "Glover Memorial Hospital — Meetings of Trustees," which sentence reads: "The Board of Trustees shall meet on the second Wednesday of each month," and by inserting in place thereof the following:

The Board of Trustees shall meet monthly at a time and place to be determined by them.

**Article 71.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a business district, that land bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southwesterly side of Greendale Avenue 190 feet northwesterly from the northwesterly line of Highgate Street; thence running southwesterly 200 feet; northwesterly 200 feet; northwesterly 200 feet and southwesterly 200 feet by Greendale Avenue to the point of beginning:

on petition of Allan R. Legge, Trustee; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 72.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a business district that land bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by a line 100 feet easterly from the easterly line of Chestnut Street; northerly by the present general residence district 50 feet; easterly by a line 150 feet easterly from and parallel to Chestnut Street; and southerly by the present business district, 50 feet;

on petition of Earl Dunham; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing from a single residence district to a business district that land bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by a line 100 feet easterly from the easterly line of Chestnut Street; northerly by the present general residence district 50 feet; easterly by a line 150 feet easterly from and parallel to Chestnut Street; and southerly by the present business district, 50 feet.

Unanimous Vote

**Article 73.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a manufacturing and/or business district the land bounded:

Southeasterly by Highland Avenue; southwesterly by Cross Street; northwesterly by the N.Y.N.H. & H. R.R.; and easterly by the present manufacturing and business districts;

as proposed by the Planning Board; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

**Article 74.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing to 10 feet the existing building line Set-back restriction within the business zone on both sides of Chestnut Street between Great Plain Avenue and the N.Y. N.H. & H. R.R.; as proposed by the Planning Board; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing to 10 feet the existing building line set-back restriction within the business zone on both sides of Chestnut Street extending southerly from the northerly side line of School Street, and a prolongation of said line westerly, to the N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R. Line.

#### Unanimous Vote

**Article 75.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a business district that land bounded as follows:

Easterly by the Circumferential Highway, also known as Reservoir Street; southerly by Crawford Street; westerly by River Park Street about 400 feet; northwesterly 257.5 feet by land now or formerly of Deddo and Tucceri; westerly again by Colburn Street; and northwesterly by Central Avenue;

on petition of John J. Daley, Rocco Grasso and Frank Grasso; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following Substitute Motion did not carry.

Moved: That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing from a single residence district to a business district that land bounded as follows:

Easterly by the Circumferential Highway, also known as Reservoir Street; southerly by Crawford Street; westerly by River Park Street about 400 feet; northwesterly 257.5 feet by land now or formerly of Deddo and Tucceri; westerly again by Colburn Street; and northwesterly by Central Avenue

71 ves 96 no

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

**Article 76.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a business district that land bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by the present business district; westerly by the N.Y., N.H. & H. R.R.; northerly by Rosemary Street; and easterly by Highland Avenue.

on petition of Nellie A. Richwagen; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following Substitute Motion did not carry.

*Moved:* That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing from a single residence district to a business district that land bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by the present business district; westerly by the N.Y., N.H. & H. R.R.; northerly by Rosemary Street; and easterly by Highland Avenue.

16 yes 127 no

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

**Article 77.** To see if the Town will vote to have the reports of its officers and the proceedings of this and subsequent Town Meetings printed; or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

. Voted: That not exceeding 4,500 copies of the reports of the Town officers for 1948 and not exceeding 500 copies of the proceedings of this and subsequent Town meetings be printed, the same to be distributed as the Selectmen may determine.

**Article 78.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles; especially to act upon all appropriations asked for, or proposed by the Selectmen, or any Town Officer or Committee; to appoint such Committees as may be decided upon; and to take action upon any other matter which may properly come before the Meeting.

Voted: That a committee be established, to consist of five members, to include a member chosen by the Planning Board, a member chosen by the Zoning Board of Appeal, a member chosen by the Building Board of Appeal, and two members appointed by the Selectmen; that said committee be instructed to make a study of the Building By-Laws and the Zoning By-Laws insofar as the same pertain to the organization, duties and procedure of the Building Board of Appeal and the Zoning Board of Appeal and to the various duties of the Board of Selectmen as now set forth in the Zoning By-Law; and that said committee make a report to the 1949 Annual Town Meeting with its recommendations as to the advisability of amending the Building By-Laws and the Zoning By-Laws in such a way as to clarify, simplify and improve the method of handling appeals under said by-laws.

Voted: That the Veteran's Emergency Housing Committee be permitted to amend its annual report by adding the following: "Additional Report of the Veterans Emergency Housing Committee to the Annual Town Meeting, March 15, 1948

The Committee has studied and approves legislation now pending before the General Court, H 1902— "An Act to provide financial assistance by the Commonwealth to Housing Authorities in order to alleviate the housing shortage for Veterans."

This bill makes it necessary that a local Housing Authority be authorized by vote of a Town in order that the Town may take action under the bill and provide low-rent housing for Veterans.

H 1902 was reported to the General Court on March 2, 1948, and the Committee had no opportunity to include the matter in its regular report.

After due consideration, the Committee recommends that a housing Authority of Needham be established, under Chapter 121 of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 574, Acts of 1946, at the earliest possible time."

JOHN B. MOSELEY, JOHN V. PHELAN, RAYMOND L. BOND, N. A. O'BRIEN, JR., HAROLD PUTNAM,

#### This report was accepted.

Voted: That the Needham Veterans' Emergency Housing Committee be authorized and directed to make a further study of the advisability of the establishment by the Town of a Housing Authority under Chapter 574 of the Acts of 1946 and all other applicable statutes for the purpose of taking advantage of any enabling legislation which may be enacted at the current session of the General Court concerning the construction of low rental housing for veterans and their families in the Town; and that said Committee be directed to make a report with its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen by April 15, 1948, or upon the passage and approval of enabling legislation, whichever date is later.

The following motion did not carry.

*Moved:* That under authority of Chapter 52 of the Acts of 1948 the fixed uniform rate charged to abutters for the construction of sewers be re-determined as follows:

Assessments shall be made upon the owners of land according to the frontage of such land on any way in which a sewer is constructed, at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per linear foot of such frontage, and according to the area of such land within a fixed depth of 100 feet from such way at the rate of two cents (\$0.02) per square foot. Corner lots shall have a 100 foot frontage exemption on the second street.

Voted: That the Board of Selectmen be authorized and directed on behalf of the Town to petition the General Court for legislation authorizing the Town, by its Board of Selectmen, and upon such terms and conditions as such Board may specify and approve, to grant a permit authorizing the local units of the Boy Scouts of America within the Town to erect, and thereafter to maintain on the Town-owned park land at Rosemary Lake, a building to be used by said Boy Scouts of America for recreation purposes, the control and supervision of said land to remain under the Board of Selectmen, however, not withstanding said permit, and said permit to be cancelled by the Board of Selectmen upon written notice to said units upon the failure of said units for the period of two years to make use of said land for such purposes.

The following resolve was not accepted.

Resolved: That it is the sense of this meeting that the owners of private automobiles used in Town business should be compensated for the use of said automobiles at the rate of seven cents per mile.

Voted: That this resolve be dismissed.

The following resolution was offered and unanimously accepted.

Resolved: That it be the sense of this meeting that Dr. J. Walter Schirmer be thanked for his generous gift of land to the Town of Needham, as accepted under Article 47, and for his gift as accepted under Article 49.

Unanimous Vote

Mr. W. Bigelow Hall made the following report which was accepted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

#### APPOINTED UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF THE TOWN MEETING OF **IANUARY 29, 1948**

The Committee which was appointed to obtain preliminary drawings for a new elementary school in the Harris School district, and to obtain an option or options on possible sites, was organized February 4, 1948 with the following members:

> Stanley F. Teele Frank L. Cheney Lewis R. Doering Paul U. Nickerson

Town Engineer Public School Association

Finance Committee

Derwood A. Newman

Planning Board

W. Bigelow Hall

Superintendent of Schools School Committee

Several meetings have been held interviewing architects experienced in the design of school buildings but no selection has as yet been made. All Needham architects who have expressed an interest in being considered have been interviewed.

A number of possible sites have been considered and the Committee is availing itself of the services of an educational consultant to the end that a site which will best serve the Town under a long range program may be selected. It is the hope of the Committee that a site which will afford adequate playground space for the ultimate size of the building may be obtained.

It is expected that the selection of an architect will be completed early enough so that preliminary plans will be ready for presentation to the Town at a special Town Meeting not later than June, 1948.

#### Respectfully,

(Signed) W. BIGELOW HALL, Chairman.

Request having been made Article 61 was considered next.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to set aside for recreation purposes that portion of the Norris Farm area recommended in the report of the Special Committee appointed to make a study of recreational areas under Article 43 of the 1947 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, as recommended by the Recreation Committee.

The following motion did not carry.

Moved: That the Town set aside for future recreational purposes all that portion of the Norris Farm property lying north of the driveway from Dedham Avenue to the Norris Farm House and a prolongation of said driveway to the easterly boundary of said Norris Farm property, excepting only existing buildings within such area used for dwelling purposes and the approaches to said buildings.

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

At 10:29 o'clock P.M., March 22, 1948,

It was *Voted*, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON, Town Clerk.

#### RECORD OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

#### April 27, 1948

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Primaries was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of April in the year 1948, beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and continuing until eight o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing members of the State and Town Committees and Delegates to the National Conventions.

The meeting was called to order by Ralph H. Gray, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, with the reading of the warrant and officer's return, the reading of the details in the warrant being waived on motion by James Fitzgerald.

The ballot boxes were publicly opened and found to be empty with the registers set on 00000, then locked and the keys given to Howard Mills, the officer in attendance at the polls.

The ballot clerks and tellers and officers were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

The ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth were delivered to the ballot clerks and their receipt taken therefor.

The polls were opened for the reception of ballots at two o'clock in the afternoon and were kept open until eight o'clock in the afternoon.

As the ballots were taken from the boxes they were audibly counted by the presiding officer,

and at 4:38 P.M. 182 ballots were taken from the box; at 6:40 P.M. 166 ballots were taken from the box; and at 8:00 P.M. 174 ballots were taken from the box;

when the polls were declared closed; making a total of .....522 ballots cast.

The vote by districts was as follows:

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District	Men	Women	Men	Women	Total
1	61	59	3 .	2	125
2	- 56	53	. 1	3	113
3	47	72	3 ·	4	126
4	45	53	3	5	106
5	26	16	2	8	52
	235	253	12	22	522

A canvass of all votes cast was made as required by law. Upon completion of the canvass of all votes cast the result of the voting was declared by Ralph M. Gray, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen as follows:

TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS	49
REPUBLICAN PARTY	
Delegates-at-Large	
Robert F. Bradford, 106 Coolidge Hill, Cambridge Leverett Saltonstall, Smith Street, Dover Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., 275 Hale Street, Beverly Joseph William Martin, Jr., 54 Grove Street, North Attleborough Clarence A. Barnes, 79 Rumford Avenue, Mansfield Katherine G. Howard, 186 Summer Avenue, Reading Edwin L. Olander, 21 Massasoit Street, Northampton Blanks	449 460 445 428 414 400 398 422
Alternate Delegates-at-Large	
Esther W. Wheeler, 105 Summer Street, Malden Carroll L. Meins, 171 Humboldt Avenue, Boston Clara F. Roberto, 151 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington Richard V. Wigglesworth, 203 Adams Street, Milton Florence G. Claussen, 155 Cliff Road, Wellesley Anne M. Zyfers, 124 Oxford Street, Cambridge Milton P. Higgins, 575 Salisbury Street, Worcester Blanks	388 394 381 436 397 381 396 643
District Delegates (Thirteenth District)	
Group 1 Charles W. Hedges, 304 Beale Street, Quincy Mason Sears, West Street, Dedham Blanks	320 351 166
Group 2 Charles W. Williams, 32 Gifford Street, Brockton A. Wendell Clark, 223 Franklin Street, Quincy Blanks	77 78 13
Alternate District Delegates (Thirteenth District)	
Group 1.  Louise A. Prince, 300 Forest Avenue, Brockton Roy C. Smith, 55 Weston Avenue, Holbrook.  Blanks	301 314 150
Group 2.  Eben G. Townes, 552 West Elm Street, Brockton	75 93 14
State Committee (Seem J. Newfolk District)	
State Committee (Second Norfolk District) Willis D. McLean, 96 Lewis Avenue, Walpole	363 125
Florence G. Claussen, 155 Cliff Road, Wellesley	355 133

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Julius F. Haller, 29 Coulton Park	382
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Harold B. Church, 256 Harris Avenue	380
M. Helen Fox, 97 Great Plain Avenue	404
Leslie B. Cutler, 1010 South Street	
Sidney Stewart, 190 Nehoiden Street	382
Cyril N Angell. 59 Prince Street	365
Herbert I Denner, 12 Prince Street	367
Marion L. Johnson, 369 Manning Street	364
Eva C. Ross, 75 Otis Street	359
Emma F. Leach, 821 Webster Street	371
Emma F. Leach, 621 Webster Street	365
Herbert L. Moore, 758 Webster Street	377
Theresa H. Dubois, 1200 Great Plain Avenue	
Walter R. Clarenbach, 87 Coolidge Avenue	360
Pay C. Hall 17 Sutton Road	397
Ashley St. Clair, 129 Garden Street	361
Herbert E. Howe, 244 Harris Avenue	340
Orrin J. Crommett, 516 High Rock Street	334
Orrin J. Crommett, 510 High Rock Street	360
Justus H. Sturtevant, 80 Washington Avenue	375
Frank A. Bell, 44 Bennington Street	
Ada Phelps Clarke, 25 Glendoon Road	340
G. Edward Nealand, 63 Lawton Road	333
Charles E. Spicer, 86 Hillside Avenue  Laurence Arra, 123 Hillside Avenue	368
Charles E. Spicer, of Thillipide Avenue	353
Flora A. Church, 17 Wachusett Road	352
Flora A. Church, 17 Wachusett Road	341
Douglas Adie, 64 Birds Hill Avenue	345
Clarence E. Dussault, 43 Mayflower Road	
Paul T. Blob. 16 Cottage Avenue	346
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Donald C. Watson, Ir. 19 Fair Oaks Park	340
Prederic S. Maini, 279 Central Avenue Donald C. Watson, Jr., 19 Fair Oaks Park Forbes MacGregor, 75 High Rock Street Arthur L. Buliung, 11 Nevada Road	370
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Arthur L. Bulling, 11 Nevada Coath Coath	349
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Robert J. Latham, 242 Hillside Avenue	
Frederick R. L. Wise, 20 Oakland Avenue	341
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Delegates-at-Lurge	
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John W. McCormack, 726 Columbia Road, Boston	12
James M. Curley, 350 Jamaicaway, Boston Thomas J. Buckley, 15 Pinckney Street, Boston	8
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William J. Foley, 388 West Fourth Street, Boston	8
Chester A. Dolan, Jr., 987 Parker Street, Boston	8
Chester A. Dolan, Jr., 707 Tarket Street, Botton	9 7
Joseph E. Casey, 138 Walnut Street, Clinton	7
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan, 23 St. Elmo Road, Worcester	6
Daniel B. Brunton, 29 Kendall Stre, Springfield	
Margaret M. O'Riordan, 4 Arborway, Boston	10
Roger I. Putnam. 216 Central Street, Springheld	13
Maywell R Grossman 92 Beacon Street, Boston	6
Francis E. Kelly, 1184 Morton Street, Boston	8
John T. McMorrow, 25 Tremlett Street, Boston	5
David J. Brickley, 296 Temple Street, Boston	5 9
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Joseph A. Scolponeti, 31 May Street, Boston	7
Edward P. Gilgun, 112 Garneld Avenue, Woburn	
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Group 2.	
Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., 16 Norris Street, Cambridge John George Asiaf, 92 Elliot Street, Brockton Stanley Borsa, 1360 Berkshire Avenue, Springfield. Gerald T. Bowler, 10 Willow Street, Holyoke Jeremiah D. Crowley, 462 Washington Street, Boston Joseph T. Conley, 6 Salem Street, Lawrence Walter A. Cuffe, 15 Johnson Street, Lynn C. Gerald Lucey, 371 Moraine Street, Brockton Francis V. Matera, 41 Saint Andrew Road, Boston Harvey A. Pothier, 51 Franklin Street, Haverhill William H. J. Rowan, 30 Payson Street, Revere. Colin J. Cameron, 12 Sanborn Terrace, Amesbury Charles J. Artesani, 37 Coolidge Road, Boston Francis X. Casey, 631 Bay Street, Taunton Daniel Rudsten, 32 Angell Street, Boston John M. Shea, 121 Cohasset Street, Worcester Blanks	14 10 11 11 13 12 10 10 11 10 11 11 11 11 15 11 14
Not Grouped.	
James A. Bowes, 112 Eagle Street, North Adams Francis E. Cassidy, 700 School Street, Webster Lawrence W. Caton, 73 Fern Street, New Bedford Joseph H. Downey, 262 Main Street, Brockton Leo A. Gosselin, Governor Avenue, Bellingham Thomas A. Keating, 17 Fremont Avenue, Chelsea Mathias LaPierre, 19 Oak Avenue, Leominster Leo F. McGrath, 115 Lowell Street, Peabody James Leo O'Connor, County Street, Dover James F. Reynolds, 55 High Street, Everett Goerge W. Stanton, 102 Cedar Street, Fitchburg Alice D. Sullivan, 122 Russell Avenue, Watertown Blanks	0 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Alternate Delegates-at-Large	
Group 1.  William R. Conley, 20 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea Frank T. Y. Goon, 214 Huntington Avenue, Boston Michael A. O'Leary, 399 Broadway, Cambridge Bernard J. Killion, 180 Pond Street, Boston Clementina Langone, 190 North Street, Boston Michael LoPresti, 102 Leaverett Street, Boston Mary E. McDonald, 41 Clive Street, Boston Charles H. McGlue, 9 Marlborough Street, Boston Thomas F. Graham, 155 East Street, Great Barrington Samuel Michelman, 36 Butler Place, Northampton Rita M. Moylan, 296 Marlborough Street, Boston Mary Higgins, 44 Faunce Road, Boston Charles Collatos, 100 Montebello Road, Boston Silas F. Taylor, 28 Warwick Street, Boston James T. Violette, 189 Rollstone Street, Fitchburg Daniel F. Donovan, 28 Oak Street, Boston	7 6 7 7 6 8 8 7 6 6 7 7 8 8 8 6 7 7 8 8 8 7 7 8 8 8 8
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James A. Burke, 32 George Street, Boston	14 11 10 11

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John J. Toomey, 395 Windsor Street, Cambridge Robert G. Connolly, 20 Thomas Street, Boston Edward J. Mulligan, 387 Ashmont Street, Boston James J. Twohig, Jr., 22 Emerson Street, Boston Anthony Parenzo, 44 Church Street, Westfield John G. Curley, 846 Carew Street, Springfield Patrick Cronin, 81 Library Street, Chelsea Harold C. Nagle, 535 Second Street, Fall River Thomas F. Reilly, 207 Bowdoin Street, Boston John H. O'Connor, Jr., 1180 Main Street, Worcester James E. Hannon, 18 High Street, Lee Frank B. Oliveira, 217 Columbia Street, Fall River  Blanks	
Not Grouped.	
Marie F. Akey, 11 Haywood Street, Greenfield. Thomas B. Brennan, 72 Bower Street, Medford Joseph J. Buckley, 76 So. Huntington Avenue John C. Carr, 30 Burnside Street, Medford Lawrence E. Corcoran, 19 Wollaston Avenue, Arlington Frederick M. Kelley, 24 Appleton Street, Saugus Ida C. McDonough, 106 Melville Avenue, Boston Edward McLaughlin, 32 Union Park, Boston Wilfred J. Paquet, 95 Spruce Street, Watertown Luke Ryan, 123 South Main Street, Northampton Anna A. Sharry, 121 Granite Street, Worcester Jacob W. Shinberg, 102 Lakeview Avenue, Haverhill Wanda Walczak, 1 Warner Street, Salem  22 Blanks	1100112
District Delegates (Thirteenth District)	
James E. Sullivan, 330 Hyde Park Avenue, Boston Clement Riley, 178 Norwood Street, Norwood Blanks 62	2
Alternate District Delegates (Thirteenth District)	
Anna M. Walen, 320 Brook Road, Milton Theo. S. Luddington, 223 South Main Street, Randolph  Blanks	3
State Committee (Second Norfolk District)	
Joseph S. Crowley, 193 Walpole Street, Norwood	
Helen J. Fay, 575 High Street, Westwood	
Anna M. Whelan, 320 Brook Road, Milton	
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#### Town Committee

John Torrey Kenney, 10 Wendling Road	1
Florance M. Crowley, 21 Daly Place	1
Leo E. Buckley, 7 Greenwood Avenue	1
James H. Noonan, 701 Webster Street	1
James P. Coyle, 25 Fenton Road	1
Katherine J. Dugan, 46 Chestnut Place	1
Grace M. Maloney, 70 Grant Street	1
John F. Gilfoil, 46 Linden Street	1
Julia T. Mullan, 115 Maple Street	1
Louise M. Ryan, 544 Great Plain Avenue	1
Blanks	330

The business of the meeting having been completed, all the ballots cast and the undistributed ballots, with the check sheets used by the checkers, were endorsed and sealed up by the election officers and placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

The meeting was dissolved at 11:15 o'clock, P.M.

Atiest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,

Town Clerk.

#### RECORD OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

#### Friday, May 7, 1948

Pursuant to a Warrant signed by the Selectmen April 20, 1948, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Town on Friday, May 7, 1948, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 140 men and 36 women were checked on the lists as being present, a total of 176. There were 137 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, at 7:30 o'clock, and the call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion. A quorum being present, the Moderator proceeded to

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to organize a housing authority in the Town of Needham, under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 121, as amended by Chapter 574 of the Acts of 1946 and by Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That a housing authority be and is hereby organized in the Town of Needham, under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 121, as amended by Chapter 574 of the Acts of 1946 and by Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the purpose of defraying the initial costs and administrative expenses of the Town's housing authority, including the expense of preparing plans and making surveys, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of defraying the initial costs and administrative expenses of the Town's housing authority, organized by the vote under Article No. 1 of this meeting, including the expense of preparing plans and making surveys, and that the amount of \$3,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purpose.

At 8:25 o'clock, P.M., May 7, 1948, it was

Voted: That this meeting be dissolved.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,

Town Clerk.

#### RECORD OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, June 16, 1948

Pursuant to a Warrant signed by the Selectmen June 1, 1948, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Junior High School in said Town on Wednesday, June 16, 1948, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 65 women and 185 men were checked on the lists as being present, a total of 250. There were 153 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M., by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, and the call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion. A quorum being present, the Moderator proceeded to the business of the Meeting.

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000.00 to be added to the appropriation made under Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 15, 1948, for the alteration of and specific repairs upon Town ways, to be expended for removal of ledge on the southerly side of Greendale Avenue at the curve of the roadway east of Parker Road; determine how such sum shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated, the same to be added to the appropriation voted under Article No. 28 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 15, 1948, for the alteration of and specific repairs upon Town ways, to be expended for the removal of ledge on the southerly side of Greendale Avenue at the curve of the roadway east of Parker Road; and that the sum of \$1,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purpose.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$2,850.00 for the cost of installing traffic lights at the intersection of Webster Street and Highland Avenue near the site of the new Fire Station, determine how such sum shall be raised and expended, or take any other action relative thereto.

The following Substitute Motion by the Finance Committee carried and it was

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

Yes 80 No 59

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$700.00 to be added to the appropriation made under Article 25 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 15, 1948, for the construction of permanent sidewalks under the Betterment Act, determine how such sum shall be raised and expended, or take any other action relative thereto.

The following Substitute Motion by the Finance Committee carried and it was

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to postpone action on the proposed new school in the Harris School district, and establish a committee to study and report to a special Town Meeting to be held not later than September, 1948, on the possibility of enlarging the facilities of the present Harris School, or take any other action relative thereto.

The following Substitute Motion was introduced by Mr. Hall.

Moved: That this article be dismissed.

A second Substitute Motion was then introduced by Mr. Crabtree, which did not carry.

Moved: That further consideration of Article 4 be postponed until action is taken on Article No. 5.

A count of hands showed Yes 66 No 68

Mr. Hall's Substitute Motion was then voted upon and it was

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the purchase as a site for a new elementary school of approximately twelve acres of land owned by Catherine Preskenis located westerly from Thornton Road, authorize the construction of a new elementary school building on said site and authorize the original furnishing and equipping of said new building, raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$475,000.00 for said purposes, determine how said sum shall be raised; whether by borrowing, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise; and how the same shall be expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following motion was introduced

Moved: That the purchase by the Town of approximately twelve acres of land owned by Catherine Preskenis, located westerly from Thornton Road, as a site for a new elementary school, be authorized; that the construction of a new elementary school building on said site be authorized, the same to be in substantial conformity with the recommendations of the Committee established under Article No. 4 of the Special Town Meeting of January 29, 1948; that the original furnishing and equipping of said new school building be authorized; and that for said purposes the sum of \$475,000.00 be raised and appropriated, the said sum to be raised as follows:

\$10,000.00

\$465,000.00

\$475,000.00

When this article was voted upon the Moderator asked for a count of hands, which was taken by the sworn tellers, and the result was

Yes 80 No 60

A roll call was then requested, and more than seven Town Meeting Members rising in favor, a roll call was ordered by the Chair. The result of the roll call was

Yes 84 No 65

This being less than a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote, the motion did not prevail.

# TOWN MEETING MEMBERS AT LARGE

	YES	NO	
Cotter, William H		1	Selectman
Cutler, Leslie B			Representative
Godfrey, Arthur H	1		Assessor
Moulton, Horace P	2		Finance
Gray, Ralph H	3		Selectman
Hall, W. Bigelow	4		School Committee
Hardy, Henry W	5		Town Counsel
Holden, Clayton L	6		Planning Board
Mackintosh, Arnold		2	Treasurer
Mann, David E			Board of Health
Peterson, Marian S	7		Town Clerk
Pond, George M	8		Selectman
Wragg, Samuel H			Moderator

#### TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

TOWN MEDITION	YES	NO
Ackroyd, James A	ILS	NO
Ackroyd, J. Roland		
Allen, Richard M.		
Anderson, Elizabeth E.	9	
Angell, Cyril N.		3
Atchison, Fred G.		3
Bailey, John M	10	
Bailey, William P	10	4
Bartlett, F. Parker, Jr	11	
Beers, David L.	**	
Bell, Frank A.		
Bell, Theodore P.		5
Bennett, Pierce B		6
Bezanson, Stanley O		7
Binney, Ralph M.		
Birkett, Arthur H.		
Blaisdell, Herbert E		4
Blake, Stuart L.		
Bliss, Lucy E		
Bloh, Adolph A.		
Bloh, Paul T.		8
Blum, Robert		
Bond, Jerry, Jr.	12	
Bond, Raymond L.	13	
Brady, Gertrude A	14	
Bragg, Frances K.	15	
Brearley, Sidney P.		
Brion, John N		9
Brooks, Walter A.		
Brown, Harry A.	16	
Brown, Maurice V.		
Burnham, Richard D.	17	
Burr, Frances H		10
Burr, I. Tucker, Jr		11
Burton, Clarence S	18	
Campbell, Donald R		
Carpenger, Charles A		
Cassidy, W. Ansel	19	
Cassidy, William S	20	
Caulton, Laurence G		12

	YES	NO
Chambers, Ralph E	21	
Childs, Kenneth M	22	
Christophe, Kenneth	23	
Church, Harold B		13
Churchill, Eva H.	0.4	14
Clarenbach, Walter R	24	
Claxton, Philip H	25	
Condit Edward M	26	
Condit, Edward M		
Cookson, Clyde E		15
Cowdrey, Irving H		13
Crahtree H Kent	27	
Crabtree, H. Kent	28	
Crowley, Florance M	20	
Cruickshank, James E	29	
Curren, Arthur G		
Cutler, Horace W., Jr.		
Daley, John J.		
Daniels, A. Richards		16
Day, Robert F		
Denner, Herbert J		
Denner, Herbert J. Dodge, Herbert L.		
Donahue, L. Charles		
Dubois, Theresa H		
Dunn, Alice B	30	
Dunn, Alice B. Eaton, Chester W.	31	
Eaton, Donald A		
Eaton, Laurence E		
Elliott, Byron K		
Eastman, Harold F. Fanning, Fred L.		4.77
Fanning, Fred L.		17
Farley, John W.		
Farrell, John F.		
Fay, Earl C	32	
Field, Blake H	33	
Fletcher, Louis E	33	
Flint, Chester R	34	
Fox, M. Helen	35	
Franz, Paul	00	18
Frost, Fred L.		10
Fuller, Adah G.		
Gaudet, Ralph L		19
Gay, William H.		
Glover, Frederic L.	36	
Grasso, Lincoln E		
Guild, Henry R.		20
Hall, Katherine B	37	
Hall, Ray C. Haller, Julius F.		21
Haller, Julius F		22
Hamlin, Willard B.		
Hammersley, Samson		
Hanson, William	2.0	
Harkins, John F	38	0.0
Hartshorn, Alfred P		23
Hauptman, Joseph W.		24
Heald, Everett H.		
Henderson, Daniel C	30	
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	YES	NO
Hodgdon, Clyde V		
Hoitt, H. Milton Hollis, Stanley M.	40	
Holt, A. Sterling		
Holt, George W		
Holt, R. Ashley Everett, Elmer H.		0.5
Everett, Elmer H		25
Hopkins, George H		26
Horr, George D		27
Howe, Parkman D		28 29
Humphrey, Gorham W. Hunter, Albert E.		29
Johnson, Arthur G.		30
Johnson, Lloyd T.	41	50
Johnson, Marcel E.	11	31
Johnston, Stewart B.		01
Jost, Nelson M.		
		32
Kezer, Vernal E. Kimball, Harry W.		-
Kimball, Robert M	42	
King, Arthur L.		
King, Robert N		33
Larson, N. Henry	43	
Latham, Robert L	44	
Lawson, Harold M		34
Linscott, Paul H	45	
Litchfield, Lemont D		
Lomas, Livingston H		
Loomis, Harold G		
Loomis, Samuel	46	
Louden, Ronald D		
MacGregor, Forbes		35
MacGregor, John		
Mann, William A		
March, Roland C.	47	2.
March, Roland C., Jr		36
Martin, Harry		37
Martin, Howard H	4.0	
Mills, Chester R	48	
Mitchell, William		
Moore, Herbert L	40	
Morse, Carleton D	49	
Morse, Prescott B	50	
Moulton, Eldon L	51 52	
Moulton, Gretta A	34	
McCulloch Konnoth I		
McCulloch, Kenneth J. McIntosh, Alan H.		
McIntosh, Charles B.	53	
McIntosh Theodore		38
McIntosh, Theodore McKinlay, J. Allan	54	
Newman, Derwood H.	55	
Newman, Derwood H. Nichols, Hollis P.		39
Nickerson, Ellis M.	56	
Nickerson, Enos G	57	
Nickerson, Paul U	58	
Notman, Frederick W		40
Noyes, George H		
Nutt, Roger W		41
Deal and Terrand O		10

	YES	NC
Page, Edwin W. L	59	
Page, Robert W	60	
Paige, Percy H		43
Perry, Rebecca H	1.000	
Phelan, John V	1001	
Pinkham, Everett C	61	
Potter, George A	62	
Preble, Julia M	63	
Proctor, Letty S		44
Putnam, Harold	64	
Rawstron, Stanley		45
Reeves, Alice W	65	
Reeves, Ralph F		
Rice, Russell I	66	
Richards, Karl W		
Richardson, Joseph P		46
Richwagen, Earl W	67	
Richwagen, Paul B	68	
Richwagen, Victor L		
Rising, Philip D	69	
Robinson, Harry J		
Rooney, Thomas I		47
Salamone, Richard M		
Sanborn, James K	70	
Sanders, Richard B	71	
Sargent, Sullivan A., Jr		48
Sayce, Edward G		
Shaw, Francis W		
Simon Philip		
Simon, Philip Small, Asa, M		
Smith, Harold A		49
Smith, Myron	72	
Smith, Roger W.		50
Southworth, Winthrop M		51
Spicer, Charles E		
Stanley, Arthur R		
Stanley, Edgar S		52
Stanwood, Francis J		52
Steere, Ruth E	73	
Stephens, Brad	74	
Stevens, Ritchie L	1.7	
Stevenson, Herbert F	75	
Stewart, Sidney	15	53
		54
Sturtevant, Justus H		55
		56
Talmadge, Nelson A		30
Taylor, Frank E		
Taylor, John F., Jr. Teele, Stanley F.	76	
There Dalas C	76	57
Thomas, Roby S	<i>&gt;</i>	51
Thorpe, Evan C	77	
Tocci, Albert W		
Tocci, Matthew	70	
Twigg, Julia B	78	
Ulbrich, M. Alfred		58
Vincent, Harold T.	MO	
Wainwright, Edwin M	79	
Walker, Laurence D	80	
Walton, Harold R		50
Warren Coorgo E		5()

•	YES	NO
Webb, Owen		
Welch, Thomas H		60
Weld, J. Linzee		
Wells, Curtis R	81	
Whetton, John J		61
Whitney, Carleton F		
Whitney, Susie G		62
Wilkinson, Holley A	82	
Willgoose, Dorathea M		
Willgoose, Laura G		63
Winslow, Gordon B		
Wood, Beatrice A	83	
Worth, Blanche S	84	
Wragg, George M.		64
Wye, Percy E.		
Wyeth, Stimson		
Thorpe, Winnifred R.		65

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the improvement and grading of the land referred to in the preceding article; determine how said sum shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

At 10:45 o'clock P.M., June 16, 1948,

It was Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,

Town Clerk.

#### REPORT OF STATE AUDIT

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, the following summary of the State Audit is published.

March 30, 1948.

To the Board of Selectmen:

Mr. George M. Pond, *Chairman* Needham, Massachusetts

#### Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Needham for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1947, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) FRANCIS X. LANG,

Director of Accounts.

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Mr. Francis X. Lang Director of Accounts Department of Corporations and Taxation State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Needham for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1947, and report thereon as follows:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were checked and verified by comparison with the records of the town accountant.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined, checked, and compared with the records of the several departments in which money is collected or bills are committed for collection and with the records of the town treasurer.

The general and appropriation ledgers were analyzed, the receipts were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, the appropriations and loan authorizations were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed in town meetings, the transfers from the reserve fund were verified by comparison with the transfers authorized by the finance committee, while the payments were checked with the approved treasury warrants.

A balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1947, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the disbursements were compared with the town accountant's books and with the approved treasury warrants on file.

The treasurer's cash balance on February 7, 1948, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The recorded payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The outstanding bond and coupons were listed and reconciled with the statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts transferred to the tax title account were compared with the collector's books, the amounts received for the redemption of tax titles and the sale of tax possessions were checked to the treasurer's cash book, the foreclosures were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed and compared with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The savings bank books and securities representing the invetsment of the trust, investment, and retirement funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved, the disbursements were compared with the treasurer's and the accountant's books, and the cash balance in the retirement funds was reconciled with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The records of the Veterans' Housing Committee were examined and checked. The collections on account of deposits and rentals were checked to the payments to the town treasurer, while the disbursements were compared with the approved warrants on file. The cash balance on February 7, 1948, was verified by reconciliation of the bank balance with statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked. The tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, assessment, departmental, and water accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were checked with the warrants for their collection.

The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were checked with the records in the departments authorized to grant them, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were reconciled with the records of tax titles held by the town, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger.

The outstanding accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked in detail. The records of financial votes passed at town meetings held during the year were checked to the town accountant's books. The receipts on account of licenses, permits, and miscellaneous fees were checked and the payments to the town treasurer and to the State were verified.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, as well as those of the police, building, and health department, were examined, the payments to the treasurer being checked to the treasurer's recorded receipts and the cash on hand being verified.

The records of receipts of the sealer of weights and measures, of the school and library departments, as well as of all other departments in which money is collected for the town, were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, assessment, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust, investment, and retirement funds.

During the progress of the audit, cooperation was received from the officials of the town, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

HBD:EV

A true copy attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,

Town Clerk

# TOWN OF NEEDHAM

## Town Clerk's Record

OF THE

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JANUARY 29, 1948



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#### RECORD OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

#### Thursday, January 29, 1948

Pursuant to a Warrant signed by the Selectmen January 19, 1948, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Town on Thursday, January 29, 1948, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 148 men and 36 women were checked on the lists as being present, a total of 184. There were 130 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, at 7:45 o'clock and the call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion. A quorum being present, the Moderator proceeded to

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,325.66, to cover an overdraft of the same amount made in December, 1947, for snow removal expenses.

*Voted*: That the sum of \$8,325.66 be appropriated to cover an overdraft of the same amount made in December, 1947, for snow removal purposes, and that said sum be raised from the 1948 tax levy.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the expenses of snow removal in the current year; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$20,000.00 be appropriated for the expenses of snow removal in the current year, including salaries and wages, the same to be expended under the supervision of the Department of Public Works, and that said sum be raised from the 1948 tax levy.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$4,000.00 for architect's preliminary plans and advice relative to the location and construction of an elementary school in the present Harris School district; determine how such money shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$4,000.00 be appropriated for architect's preliminary plans and advice relative to the location and construction of an elementary school in the present Harris School district, said sum to be raised from the 1948 tax levy and to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

Mr. Hunter raised the question as to why the money should be spent under the direction of the School Committee rather than under the direction of the committee appointed under Article 79 of the 1946 Annual Town Meeting.

Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Bailey stated that since Article 4 provided for the appointment of a committee, it might be well to vote upon Article 4 before Article 3.

Mr. Hunter again raised the question as to why the money should be spent under the direction of the School Committee. Mr. Hersey, for the School Committee, explained that the committee appointed under Article 79 of the 1946 Annual Town Meeting included the Chairmen of the Finance Committee, School Committee and Planning Board, and since these men were Chairmen for one year only, the personnel of the committee had changed in 1947, and would be still different in 1948. Mr. Bailey moved that further action under Article 3 be postponed until action had been taken on Article 4 and it was so voted.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Committee to make a study and survey of desirable locations for an elementary school in the present Harris School district and to obtain an option or options in the name of the Town on desirable locations for such school, such Committee to report with its recommendations at a subsequent Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town appoint a committee to consist of a member of the School Committee, to be chosen by the School Committee, a member of the Planning Board, to be chosen by the Planning Board, a member of the Finance Committee, to be chosen by the Finance Committee, a representative of the Needham Public School Association, to be chosen by that Association, the Superintendent of Schools and the Superintendent of the Engineering Division; that said Committee be authorized and directed to make a study and survey of desirable locations for an elementary school in the present Harris School district and to obtain an option or options in the name of the Town on desirable locations for such school; and that said Committee report with its recommendations to the 1948 Annual Town Meeting, and make a prior report of its recommendations to the Selectmen by March 1, 1948.

As previously voted, Article 3 was taken up at this point.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$4,000.00 for architect's preliminary plans and advice relative to the location and construction of an elementary school in the present Harris School district; determine how such money shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$4,000.00 be appropriated for architect's preliminary plans and advice relative to the location and construction of an elementary school in the present Harris School district, said sum to be raised from the 1948 tax levy and to be expended under the direction of the Special Committee set up under Article 4 of this Warrant.

At 8:15 o'clock P.M., January 29, 1948,

It was *Voted*, That this meeting be dissolved.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,

Town Clerk.

### TOWN OF NEEDHAM

## TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

# State Primary

September 14, 1948

### State Election

November 2, 1948

## Special Town Meeting

November 22, 1948



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### NEEDHAM TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1948

#### RECORD OF STATE PRIMARY

September 14, 1948

Pursuant to the warrant issued by the Selectmen, August 17, 1948, a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs was held in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of September in the year 1948, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of nominating State and County officers.

The meeting was called to order by Ralph H. Gray, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, by reading the Warrant and the officer's return, the reading of the articles in the warrant being waived upon motion.

The ballot clerks and tellers and other election officers were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as required by General Laws.

The packages of ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth were delivered to the ballot clerks and receipt taken therefor.

The ballot boxes were publicly opened and shown to be empty with the registers set at 00000, then locked and the keys delivered to Frank Taylor, the officer in attendance at the polls.

The polls were opened for the reception of ballots at 12:00 o'clock, noon, and in pursuance of the Warrant, were kept open until 8:00 o'clock in the evening.

The ballots were taken from the boxes by the Selectmen and counted.

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At 1:45 o'clock	302 ballots were taken from the box
2:45 o'clock	170 ballots were taken from the box
3:30 o'clock	106 ballots were taken from the box
4:00 o'clock	58 ballots were taken from the box
5:00 o'clock	177 ballots were taken from the box
5:50 o'clock	156 ballots were taken from the box
6:15 o'clock	203 ballots were taken from the box
6:45 o'clock	104 ballots were taken from the box
7:00 o'clock	133 ballots were taken from the box
7:30 o'clock	159 ballots were taken from the box
7:45 o'clock	120 ballots were taken from the box
7:55 o'clock	155 ballots were taken from the box
8:00 o'clock	31 ballots were taken from the box
making a total of	1,874 ballots cast.

The following is a tabulation of votes by districts:

	Repu	blican	Dem	ocratic	
District	Male	Female	Male	Female	Totals
1	203	231	4	3	441
2	214	236	5	4	459
3	174	180	7	10	371
4	186	225	5	7	423
5	90	79	5	6	180
					4.074
	867	951	. 26	30	1,874

The ballots were duly sorted and counted and resulted as follows, viz:

### DEMOCRATIC

For Governor
Paul A. Dever of Cambridge 4 Maurice J. Tobin of Boston 1 Blanks
Dianks
For Lieutenant Governor
Edward P. Barry of Wellesley
Benedict F. FitzGerald, Ir. of Cambridge
Edward P. Barry of Wellesley 2 Benedict F. FitzGerald, Jr., of Cambridge 1 Charles F. Jeff Sullivan of Worcester 1
Blanks
For Secretary
Edward J. Cronin of Chelsea
Jerome Patrick Troy of Boston
Blanks
For Treasurer
John E. Hurley of Boston
Blanks
Diame
For Auditor
Thomas J. Buckley of Boston
Blanks
Dialiks
For Attorney General
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Enrico Cappucci of Boston
Francis E. Kelly of Boston
Patrick Gilbert Sullivan of Boston
Blanks
Country in Courses
Senator in Congress
John I. Fitzgerald of Boston
Francis D. Harrigan of Boston
Joseph A. Langone, Jr., of Boston
John D. Lynch of Cambridge (Richard M. Russell of Boston 1
Richard M. Russell of Boston
Blanks
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For Congressman (Thirteenth District)
David J. Concannon of Milton 52
Blanks
For Councillor (Second District)
Samuel G. Thorner of Boston
Blanks
For Senator (Second Norfolk District)
For Representatives in General Court (Sixth Norfolk District)
Register of Probate and Insolvency (Norfolk County)
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TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS	5
For County Commissioners (Norfolk County)	00
For County Treasurer (Norfolk County)	00
For Clerk of Courts (Norfolk County) (To fill Vacancy)	00
REPUBLICAN	00
For Governor	
Robert F. Bradford of Cambridge Edward M. Rowe of Cambridge	1,527 240 51
For Lieutenant Governor  Arthur W. Coolidge of Reading	1,691 127
For Secretary	
Frederic W. Cook of Somerville Blanks	1,696 122
For Treasurer	
Laurence Curtis of Boston	1,671 147
For Auditor	
Douglas Lawson of Boston Edwin L. Olander, Jr., of Northampton Wallace E. Stearns of Boston Russell A. Wood of Cambridge. Blanks	252 691 58 643 174
For Attorney General Clarence A. Barnes of Mansfield	1,670 148
For Senator in Congress	
Leverett Saltonstall of Dover Blanks	1,728 90
For Congressman (Thirteenth District)	
Richard B. Wigglesworth of Milton	1,630 188
For Councillor (Second District)	
Clayton L. Havey of Boston Joseph B. Grossman of Quincy Blanks	1,391 287 140
For Senator (Second Norfolk District)	
Robert Bowie of Milton Leslie B. Cutler of Needham Sture Nelson of Norwood Roger F. Turner of Walpole	155 1,366 40 226

For Representatives in General Court (Sixth Norfolk District) Francis A. Harding of Dedham Harold Putnam of Needham Harold E. Rosen of Dedham Leo W. Strumski of Canton Blanks	1,320 1,326 330 120 540
Register of Probate and Insolvency (Norfolk County)  Alfred E. Henderson of Dedham  Blanks	1,553 265
For County Commissioners (Norfolk County) Russell T. Bates of Quincy James I. Forsyth of Wrentham Joseph S. Kennedy of Medfield W. Homer Melville of Braintree. Clayton W. Nash of Weymouth Lawrence F. Power of Dedham Blanks	961 198 332 336 626 556 627
For County Treasurer (Norfolk County) Ralph D. Pettingell of Dedham Harold P. Newell of Quincy Blanks	1,330 309 179
For Clerk of Courts (Norfolk County) (To fill Vacancy) Willard E. Everett of Walpole	1,609 209

The business of the meeting being completed, all the ballots cast and undistributed ballots were endorsed and sealed by the Election Officers and placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

Declaration of the result of the votes cast was made by Selectman Ralph H. Gray at 9:15 o'clock, P.M., September 14, 1948, and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,

Town Clerk.

# RECORD OF STATE ELECTION

November 2, 1948

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen October 19, 1948, a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs was held in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, November 2, 1948 at 6:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order by Ralph H. Gray, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who read the Warrant and the officer's return.

The ballot clerks and tellers were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

The ballot boxes were opened and shown to be empty with the registers set on 00000, and then locked and the keys delivered to the officer in attendance, Joseph Savignano.

The ballots furnished by the State for use at this election were delivered to the ballot clerks and their receipt taken therefor.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as required by Chapter 54, Section 48 of the General Laws.

The polls were opened at six o'clock in the forenoon and kept open until eight o'clock in the afternoon.

The ballots were taken from the boxes by the Selectmen and counted.

At	7:45	o'clock	885	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	8:45	o'clock	851	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	9:30	o'clock	663	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	10:30	o'clock	821	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	11:30	o'clock	299	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	11:45	o'clock	390	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	1:45	o'clock	603	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	2:15	o'clock	387	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	3:20	o'clock	403	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	4:15	o'clock	305	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	5:10	o'clock	375	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	6:00	o'clock	444	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	6:45	o'clock	472	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	7:30	o'clock	493	ballots	were	taken	from	the box
	8:00	o'clock	410	ballots	were	taken	from	the box

making a total of 7,801 ballots cast.

In addition to

this number 267 Absent voters' ballots

11 War ballots

Total vote cast 8,079

The following is a tabulation of the votes by districts:

District	Men	Women	Absent Voters Men Women	Soldiers Ab. Voters Registered Voters	Soldiers Ab. Voters Unregistered Voters
1	790	899	30 — 34		
2	908	1,000	40 44	3	2
3	649	735	20 — 31	1	
4	680	769	23 - 27	3	1
5	707	664	9 — 9		1
	3,734	4,067	122 145	7	4

The ballots were duly sorted and counted and resulted as follows:

For Electors of President and Vice-President  Dewey and Warren, Republican. Teichert and Emery, Socialist Labor Truman and Barkley, Democratic Wallace and Taylor, Progressive Watson and Learn, Prohibition Thomas and Smith Blanks	6,120 4 1,684 140 11 2 118
For Governor	
Robert F. Bradford, Republican Paul A. Dever, Democratic Horace I. Hillis, Socialist Labor Mark R. Shaw, Prohibition Blanks	5,948 1,965 25 11 130
For Lieutenant Governor	
Arthur W. Coolidge, Republican Charles F. Jeff Sullivan, Democratic Lawrence Gilfedder, Socialist Labor Guy S. Williams, Prohibition Blanks	6,042 1,775 33 17 212
For Secretary	
Frederic W. Cook, Republican Edward J. Cronin, Democratic Gote E. Palmquist, Socialist Labor Blanks	6,397 1,379 47 256
For Treasurer	
Laurence Curtis, Republican. John E. Hurley, Democratic Harold J. Ireland, Prohibition Malcolm T. Rowe, Socialist Labor Blanks	6,133 1,623 13 36 274
For Auditor	
Thomas J. Buckley, Democratic Russell A. Wood, Republican Robert A. Simmons, Prohibition Francis A. Votano, Socialist Labor Blanks	2,154 5,536 20 35 334

For Attorney General	
Clarence A. Barnes, Republican Francis E. Kelly, Democratic Anthony Martin, Socialist Labor Blanks	6,242 1,481 65 291
For Senator in Congress	
Leverett Saltonstall, Republican John I. Fitzgerald, Democratic Henning A. Blomen, Socialist Labor E. Tallmadge Root, Prohibition Blanks	6,608 1,257 25 5 184
For Congressman (Thirteenth District)	
Richard B. Wigglesworth, Republican David J. Concannon, Democratic Blanks	6,241 1,481 357
For Councillor (Second District)	
Clayton L. Havey, Republican Samuel G. Thorner, Democratic Blanks	6,097 1,432 550
For Senator (Second Norfolk District)	
Leslie B. Cutler, Republican	7,034 1,045
For Representatives in General Court (Sixth Norfolk District)	
Francis A. Harding, Republican Harold Putnam, Republican Blanks	5,860 6,477 3,821
For Register of Probate and Insolvency (Norfolk County)	
Alfred E. Henderson, Republican	6,778 1,301
For County Commissioners (Norfolk County)	
Russell T. Bates, Republican	6,416 5,939 3,803
For County Treasurer (Norfolk County)	
Ralph D. Pettingell, Republican	6,734 1,345
For Clerk of Courts (Norfolk County) (To fill Vacancy)	
Willard E. Everett, Republican	6,706 1,373

## QUESTION NO. 1

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 28, 1945, received 227 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 9, 1947, received 223 votes in the affirmative and 8 in the negative?

#### SUMMARY

This proposed amendment to the Constitution adds to the declaration of the rights of the inhabitants, as now set forth in the Constitution, the following: "The right of free speech shall not be abridged."

Yes	 			 	٠	 ٠			 	٠	 								٠			6,270
No	 					 ٠		٠	 		 				 ٠	 ٠	۰					519
Blanks	 									٠												1,290

## QUESTION NO. 2

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 6, 1946, received 220 votes in the affirmative and 28 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 9, 1947, received 228 votes in the affirmative and 5 in the negative?

#### SUMMARY

This proposed amendment to the Constitution provides that the use of revenue from fees, duties, excises or license taxes relating to the registration, operation or use of vehicles on public highways or to fuels used for propelling such vehicles, except revenue from any excise tax imposed for the privilege of registering such vehicles in lieu of local property taxes, shall be for highway purposes only.

Yes	6,306
No	578
Blanks	1.195

### OUESTION NO. 3

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 6, 1946, received 243 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 3, 1948, received 231 votes in the affirmative and 9 in the negative?

#### SUMMARY

This is an amendment of Article XVII of the Amendments to the Constitution. It provides that in case of a failure to elect the secretary, treasurer and receiver general, auditor or attorney general of the Commonwealth, or in case of the death of a person elected to any of such offices between the day of election and the third Wednesday of the following January, such an officer shall be chosen by a joint ballot of the senators and representatives from the people at large, instead of from the two persons who had the highest number of votes at the election as is now required. It also provides that if there is a vacancy in any of such offices during a session of the Legislature the vacancy shall be filled in like manner by choice from the people at large, but if the vacancy occurs at any other time it shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council.

Yes	5,906
No	567
Blanks	1,606

## QUESTION NO. 4

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 84 in the affirmative and 130 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 15 in the affirmative and 22 in the negative?

#### SUMMARY

This measure by amending General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 272, Section 21 provides that the provisions of Sections 20 and 21 of said Chapter 272 which make it an offense to advertise or give information as to the procurement of means for the prevention of pregnancy or conception shall not apply to treatment or prescription given to married women by registered physicians for protection of life or health.

Yes	5,292
No	2,180
Blanks	607

## QUESTION NO. 5

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 5 in the affirmative and 203 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 0 in the affirmative and 36 in the negative?

#### SUMMARY

This measure prohibits the denial of the opportunity to obtain or retain employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor organization and prohibits agreements which exclude any person from employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor organization. Violation of the provisions of the measure is made an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

Yes	3,252
No	3,537
Blanks	1,290

#### QUESTION NO. 6

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 82 in the affirmative and 126 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 13 in the affirmative and 20 in the negative?

### SUMMARY

This measure requires that elections of officers of labor organizations shall be held at least annually. Sixty days' notice of a regular election and twenty days' notice of an election to fill one or more vacancies are required to be given by public announcement at a regular meeting, by notice in writing to each member, or in any other adequate manner. Candidates to be voted for must be nominated by a paper signed by ten members filed at least thirty days before a regular election and at least ten days before an election to fill a vacancy.

The voting at such an election must be by secret written or printed ballot. Watchers appointed by nominating members and by union officers

may be present during the voting and counting of ballots.

Coercion and intimidation of members in connection with an election is prohibited, and violations of the provisions of the measure are made punishable by fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or both.

Yes	4,416
No	
Rlanks	1 340

## QUESTION NO. 7

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 95 in the affirmative and 110 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 14 in the affirmative and 18 in the negative?

### SUMMARY

This measure prohibits the calling of a strike by a labor organization in any business or plant or unit thereof, except when authorized by the vote of the majority of all the members of the organization employed in the business, plant or unit thereof. Such authorization is to be expressed by a secret written or printed ballot at a meeting called for that purpose.

The Labor Relations Commission is authorized to make rules for the

The Labor Relations Commission is authorized to make rules for the conduct of the voting. Within twenty-four hours after the voting the labor organization conducting it shall make a written report of the result to the commission, which shall be a permanent public record. If no report is filed the vote taken shall be void and a person making a false report shall be guilty of perjury.

Coercion and intimidation of members of a labor organization in connection with such voting is made a penal offense.

Yes	 	 	 	 	 		٠			 			 			 	4,516
No	 	 	 	 	 					 	٠		 			 	2,272
Blanks .	 	 	 		 					 			 			 	1,291

## QUESTION NO. 8

Is it desirable that the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, —

#### "ARTICLE —

"Section 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

"Section 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress," — be ratified by the general court?

Yes	 	 	 			 	 		 	 				 			5,291
No	 	 	 			 	 			 	 			 			1,367
Blanks	 	 	 			 	 			 	 			 			1.421

### QUESTION NO. 9

A. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

Yes	1,358
No	5,852
Blanks	869

B. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

Yes	 
No	 5,718
Blanks	 976

C. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

Yes	2,873
No	4,694
Blanks	512

The business of the meeting having been completed, all the ballots cast and the undistributed ballots, with the check sheets used by the checkers, were endorsed and sealed up by the election officers and placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

Declaration of the results of the votes cast was made by Selectman Ralph H. Gray at fifteen minutes after two o'clock in the morning, November 3, 1948.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,

Town Clerk.

# RECORD OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

# Monday, November 22, 1948

Pursuant to a Warrant signed by the Selectmen November 12, 1948, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, November 22, 1948, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 79 women and 235 men were checked on the lists as being present, a total of 314. There were 184 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, and the call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion. A quorum being present, the Moderator proceeded to the business of the Meeting.

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,200.00 for maintenance expense of the Public Works Department; determine how such sum shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,200.00 for the purpose of making an investigation and study of possible sites for and methods of incineration for the Town; to determine how such sum shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That this article be dismissed.

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the purpose of sewer house connections; determine how such sum shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted*: That the sum of \$4,450.00 be raised and appropriated for the construction of particular sewers and connecting drains to buildings, under the provisions of law authorizing assessments; and that for said purpose the foregoing mentioned amount be raised by transfers from unexpended balances of the following appropriations, in the amounts indicated.

Construction of Highgate Street and Wyoming Avenue under Article 26 of the Warrant for the 1948 Annual Town Meeting	\$3,200.00
Street Lighting, Public Works Department under Article 11 of the Warrant for the 1948 Annual Town Meeting	350.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance under Article 20 of the Warrant for the 1948 Annual Town Meeting	900.00

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,550.00 for the installation of a sewer main in Dana Place, as recommended by the Board of Health; determine how such sum shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$1,550.00 be transferred from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Fund, said sum to be available for the installation of a sewer main in Dana Place.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed 7,500.00 for the purchase and installation of traffic lights at the following places in the Town:

Great Plain Avenue, at Central Avenue Highland Avenue, at Webster Street, and Highland Avenue, at the Public Library;

determine how such sum shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following Substitute Motion by Mr. Holden did not carry.

Moved: That the sum of \$2,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purchase and installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Webster Street; and that the amount of \$2,500.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purpose.

Mr. Crabtree's Substitute Motion carried and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purchase and installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Great Plain Avenue and Central Avenue; and that the sum of \$2,500.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purpose.

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$9,000.00 for the purpose of extending the common sewer through Linden Street Extension to the site of the proposed veterans' housing development off High Rock Street; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by borrowing, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise, and how it shall be expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted*: That the sum of \$9,000.00 be transferred from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Fund, said sum to be available for the installation of a sewer through Linden Street Extension to the site of the proposed veterans' housing development off High Rock Street.

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$17,000.00 for Old Age Assistance and general relief payments under the Department of Public Welfare; determine how such sum shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$10,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be available to the Welfare Department for the following purposes and in the amounts indicated.

Dependent Aid \$2,500.00
Old Age Assistance 7,500.00

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will authorize the appointment of a committee to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the location and construction of an elementary school to serve the Harris School Area and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose, determine how such sum shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That a committee of nine be appointed to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the location and construction of additional elementary school facilities to serve the Harris School area; that one member of the committee be appointed by the Selectmen; one member by the School Committee; one member by the Planning Board; one member by the Finance Committee; one member by the Needham Taxpayers Association; one member by the Public School Association; and three members be appointed by the moderator one of whom shall be an experienced builder; and that the sum of four thousand dollars be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account and made available for the use of said committee.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will instruct the Committee established under Article 8 to obtain an option or options in the name of the Town on desirable locations for such a school or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted*: That the Committee appointed under Article 8 be authorized to obtain an option or options in the name of the town on desirable locations for elementary school facilities in the Harris School area and that said committee report its recommendations under this article at a meeting not later than the 1949 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to make a study and survey of desirable locations for an elementary school in District 3 of the Town; to instruct said committee to obtain an option or options in the name of the Town on desirable locations for such school, such committee to report with its recommendations at a subsequent Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Committee appointed under Article 8 of this meeting be instructed to make a study and survey of desirable locations for an elementary school in District 3 of the Town and that said Committee be authorized to obtain an option or options in the name of the Town on desirable locations for such school, such Committee to report with its recommendations at a meeting to be held not later than the 1949 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to convey title to the Boston Edison Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of the pole, wires and fixtures now located on the Eliot School land on Central Avenue, Needham; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted*: That the Town convey title to the Boston Edison Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of the pole, wires and fixtures now located on the Eliot School land on Central Avenue, Needham, for the consideration that said pole, wires and fixtures will thereafter be maintained at the expense of said corporations.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 103A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Chapter 477 of the Acts of 1948, facilitating absent voting by residents of Massachusetts at regular biennial state elections and at regular city or town elections.

Voted: That the Town accept Section 103A of Chapter 54 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as most recently amended by Chapter 477 of the Acts of 1948.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to accept such gifts as are made to the Town to assist in defraying the cost of originally equipping and furnishing the new addition to Glover Memorial Hospital; to authorize the Treasurer of the Town to accept said gifts and to set them aside; and to authorize said gifts to be made available to the Hospital Building Committee when requested by it for the purposes for which said gifts have been made; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town accept such gifts as are made to the Town to assist in defraying the cost of originally equipping and furnishing the new addition to Glover Memorial Hospital; that the Treasurer of the Town be authorized to accept said gifts and set them aside; and that the Treasurer be authorized to make said gifts available to the Hospital Building Committee established under Article No. 5 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant of June 10, 1947, when requested by it for the purposes for which said gifts have been made.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept a legacy of \$1,000.00 bequeathed to Glover Memorial Hospital under the provisions of the will of the late M. Frances Kingsbury.

 $\it Voted:$  That the Town accept a legacy of \$1,000.00 bequeathed to Glover Memorial Hospital under the provisions of the will of the late M. Frances Kingsbury.

At 8:38 o'clock, P.M., November 22, 1948, it was

Voted: That this meeting be dissolved.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,

Town Clerk.











